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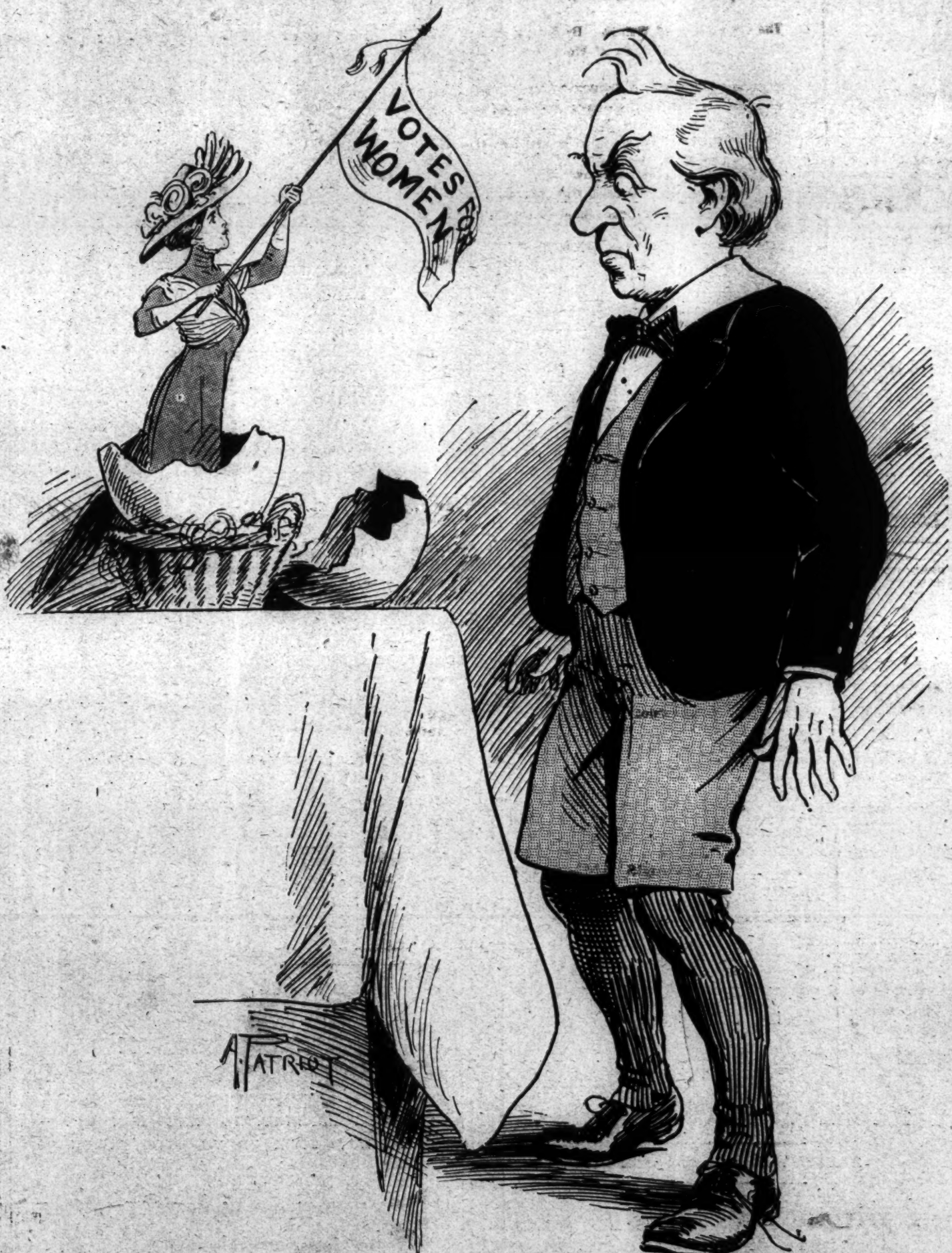
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DEDICATION.

To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

In our issue last week we described the arrest and trial of the first portion of the deputation to Mr. Asquith. Similar scenes were enacted on the following day, Wednesday, March 31, when the remaining members again endeavoured to see Mr. Asquith face to face and explain the women's position to him. A struggle ensued outside the Houses of Parliament and a further nine women were taken into custody. Brought up before Mr. Marsham on Thursday, they exhibited the same quiet courage and dignity which their colleagues had exhibited on the previous day, and, refusing to consider the

question of being bound over, all accepted the alternative sentence of one month's imprisonment in the second division which was imposed upon them.

The Futility of Imprisonment.

In spite of the somewhat bantering tone adopted by the magistrate, it was impossible not to realise that underneath, he felt the gravity of the situation—that, like Sir Albert De Rutzen, he could not help "admiring the courage of these women," and that, in common with one of the prisoners in the dock, he realised the futility of attempting to deal with this movement by sending those who took part in it to a common gaol.

Preparing for a Further Deputation.

If anything was needed to show how completely this treatment has failed to deter, it will be proved by the article which we print in this issue from the pen of Christabel Pankhurst, who calls on the women of the country to go in a deputation to Mr. Asquith on June 29 next in larger numbers than ever before and to insist upon their right to see him. This call we know will obtain the splendid response from the members of the Union which other similar calls have met with in the past; and once more we place this question before the Government of the day: Are they going even now, at this twelfth hour, to do justice, or are they, by their continued coercion, prepared to go down to posterity branded with the shame of the imprisonment of many hundreds of women who refuse any longer to submit to be deprived of their citizen rights?

The Release of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

Members of the Union are looking forward with great eagerness to the release on Friday morning, April 16, of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Treasurer of the Union and Co-Editor of this paper. A great welcome is being prepared at the prison gates, and at the breakfast at the Criterion Restaurant. And the special procession on the following day from Hyde Park to the Aldwych Theatre will mark the importance of the occasion. Full particulars of these events, in which we hope every London member will take part, will be found on page 533.

Women and the Law.

The prominence of the suffrage agitation brings to light many individual cases of hardship suffered by women under the law which would otherwise pass unnoticed. One of the recent cases is that of a married woman who is being forced by her husband to live in a workhouse in spite of her desire for her discharge and her undertaking to live with her own sister and earn her living. It appears that he is within his rights in taking this course, and the guardians have refused the application of the wife. There is in force an instruction issued some seventy years ago which provides that a husband may detain his wife in the workhouse against her wish, merely by exercising his marital authority. Yet there are people who say that married women are the spoilt children of the law!

General Activity.

The week that has gone by has been a very busy one. Meetings have been held in all parts of the country, including the interesting At Home in the Queen's Hall, London, where a specially large gathering took place to listen to the account given by Lady Constance Lytton of her reasons for taking part in the demonstration of February 24. A hearty welcome was given to Miss Gye on Thursday at the prison gates and at the meeting in the evening in the St. James's Hall. Ministers have had to encounter the Suffragettes in various places. At the Boat Race a special launch went up and down the course crowded with women wearing the W.S.P.U. colours; this elicited hearty cheers from the crowds along the bank. For the future we are promised by-elections in Edinburgh and in Stratford-on-Avon. These, together with the great Albert Hall meeting on April 29 and the Exhibition from May 13 to 26, and all the other numerous activities of the Union, will keep members exceedingly busy directly after the Easter holidays.

ELEMENTS OF THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE DEMAND.

By F. W. Pethick Lawrence.—Chapter VII.—Origin of the Militant Campaign.

In the fifth chapter of this series an account was given of the so-called "constitutional" methods which were employed in the agitation for the vote prior to the formation of the Women's Social and Political Union. It was shown how the demand for the suffrage on the part of women was expressed by great meetings and great petitions, and that the movement had grown to great dimensions when it was checked by the opposition of the Liberal leaders in 1884, and how from that date onwards it diminished in size and influence. If Woman Suffrage was again to become a question of political practice, a new departure had to be made and a new set of tactics adopted, and the apathy and trickery which prevailed in political circles had to be broken down.

In 1905, before the commencement of the militant tactics, the Press had almost entirely ceased to report any Woman Suffrage meetings or to print any letters upon this question. Private members of Parliament and candidates for Parliamentary honours found a very easy means of dealing with Woman Suffrage. At election time, and when confronted by women whose help was required, they paid a lip-homage to Woman Suffrage, even promising, when occasion presented itself, to vote in favour of the Woman Suffrage Bill. When the need for this lip-homage had gone by, in the presence of their men friends, they smiled at the gullibility of the women, and promised themselves that no serious results would ensue from the pledge which they had given. Even those of them who were seriously in favour of the reform and honestly wished to carry it into law found that once in the House of Commons they were quite powerless to achieve their object. The question being a non-party one was never taken up by the Government of the day, and they as private members had no means of forcing it into prominence, still less of actually carrying into law a Woman Suffrage measure. Members of the Government, on the other hand, found that it was easy to evade the issue. While it might be difficult or dangerous to give a direct negative and so alienate the women who were good workers for the party, it was easy to give vague expressions of sympathy and adherence which could never be construed into definite pledges of immediate action. This was the situation in the year 1905.

The women of the older generation had inured themselves to submission, and those who ardently desired victory for the cause saw with sorrowful hearts the object of their desire fading further and further away. But another movement was being born, a new spirit was entering into the hearts of women, the new lesson that submission may be a breach of trust was beginning to be understood.

A New Government.

The time was specially opportune. A new Government had come into being, pledging itself in all directions to reform, basing itself upon the tenets of democracy, and appealing to the country on the ground that it supported the people against the powers of privilege. Christabel Pankhurst saw at once that the first step in the new campaign must be to find out where the Government stood in the matter. An appeal must be made directly to it as the fountain source of legislation; and just as it was no good asking for private support from the ordinary members of the House of Commons, so was it equally useless to elicit sympathy or approval from any Cabinet Minister in his individual capacity. The only thing that mattered was the intention of the Government as a whole, not the intention of support or good wishes, but the intention of action. Was the new Government going to do anything to bring about Woman Suffrage? This was the question to which Christabel Pankhurst determined that the new Government should give an answer.

Upon this issue the Government was equally determined to preserve silence. To give a favourable answer meant a pledge to action which they were not prepared to take; to give an unfavourable answer meant to disillusion that large body of Liberal women so useful in getting the Liberal Government returned to power, so conveniently put off by vague expressions of sympathy when once power had been obtained.

The first opportunity presented itself when Sir Edward Grey came to deliver a great speech at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, October 13, 1905, and proceeded to expound the

Liberal policy. At the close of his speech an opportunity was provided to those present of putting questions to the speaker. Many men asked questions and were answered, but when Annie Kenney rose to ask Sir Edward Grey whether, if the Liberal Government were returned to power, they would take steps to give votes to women, no answer was returned. Meanwhile she held up a small banner inscribed with the words "Votes for Women," in order that her question might be understood by all those in the hall. Sylvia Pankhurst, in her "History of the Suffrage Movement," thus describes the scene that followed:—

She stood up and again pressed for answer to her question, but the men sitting near her forced her down into her seat, and one of the stewards of the meeting held his hat over her face. Meanwhile the hall was filled with a babel of conflicting sound; shouts of "Sit down," "Be quiet," "What's the matter?" and "Let the lady speak," were heard on every hand.

As the noise subsided a little, a second woman sitting beside the first got up and asked again: "Will the Liberal Government give women the vote?" But Sir Edward Grey made no answer, and again rose the tumult of cries and counter-cries. Then the chief constable of Manchester, Mr. William Peacock, came down from the platform to where the women were sitting, and asked them to write out the question that they had put to the speakers, saying that he would himself take it to the chairman and make sure that it received an answer. The women agreed to this suggestion, and the first who had spoken now wrote, "Will the Liberal Government give votes to working women? Signed on behalf of the Women's Social and Political Union, Annie Kenney (member of the Oldham committee of the card and blowing room operatives)." To this she added that as one of the 96,000 organised women cotton workers, and for their sake, she earnestly desired that the question should be answered.

Mr. Peacock took the paper on which the question had been written back to the platform, and was seen to hand it to Sir Edward Grey, who, having read it, smiled and passed it to the chairman, from whom it went the round of every speaker in turn. Then it was laid aside, and no answer was returned to it.

After this a vote of thanks to Sir Edward Grey was moved by Lord Durham and Mr. Winston Churchill, and when it had been carried Sir Edward Grey rose to reply, but he made no reference to the enfranchisement of women.

The Question Unanswered.

Then followed the moving of a vote of thanks to the chair, and by this time the meeting showed signs of breaking up. Some of the audience had left the hall, and some of those on the platform were preparing to go. The women's question still remained unanswered, and seemed in danger of being forgotten by everyone concerned. The two women, however, were anxiously awaiting their answer, and the one who had first spoken now rose again, and this time she stood upon her seat, and then called out as loudly as she could: "Will the Liberal Government give working women the vote?" At once the audience became a seething, infuriated mob. Thousands of angry men were on their feet shouting and gesticulating, and crying out upon the woman who had again dared to disturb their meeting.

She stood there above them all, a little, slender, fragile figure. She had taken off her hat, and her soft, loosely flowing hair gave her a childish look. Her cheeks were flushed, and her eyes blazing with earnestness. Annie Kenney, a mill girl, who had gone to work in a cotton factory as a little half-timer at ten years of age, a working woman, the child of a working woman, whose life had been passed amongst the workers, she stood there now, feeling herself to be the representative of thousands of struggling women, and in their name she asked for justice.

But the Liberal leaders who had spoken so glibly of their sympathy for the poor and needy were silent now when one stood there asking them for justice; and their followers, who had listened so eagerly and applauded with so much enthusiasm speeches filled with the praise of liberty and equality, thought now of nothing but Liberal victories.

They howled at her fiercely, and numbers of Liberal stewards came hurrying to drag her down. Then Christabel Pankhurst, her companion, started up, and put one arm round Annie Kenney's waist to guard her from blows from the crowd, and with the other warded off their blows, while she still called, "The question, the question; answer the question!" So holding together, these two women fought for votes upon the site of Peterloo. At last six men—Liberal stewards and policemen in plain clothes—seized Christabel Pankhurst, and dragged her away down the central aisle and past the platform. Then others followed bringing Annie Kenney after her. As they were forced along the women still looked up and asked their question, but still the Liberal leaders on the platform looked on apparently unmoved and never said a word.

As they saw them go the Liberal ticket-holders shouted: "Throw them out!" but from the free seats at the back the people cried out "Shame!"

Thus dragged out of the hall and flung into the street, Christabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney started a meeting of

protest outside the building. This the police refused to allow, and arrested them on a fabricated charge of assault. Brought before the magistrate the next day, they were sentenced to fine or imprisonment—Christabel Pankhurst to one week and Annie Kenney to three days—and both elected to go to prison.

Thus did Sir Edward Grey prefer to see women flung out of his meeting and sent to prison rather than give an answer to one straightforward question.

The Liberal Government could not foresee in that day the Nemesis which was awaiting them in consequence of that dishonest course. But they had come to the parting of the ways; they had placed before them the alternative of doing justice and giving to women what they asked or of resisting their claim. Despising their foe, they adopted the second course, and the challenge to battle thus thrown down was accepted by the women. Now, too late, the Liberal Government are finding out that the despised antagonist is capable of humiliating and defeating them.

PROGRESS OF WOMEN.

Presence of Mind.

By remarkable presence of mind a woman of seventy, named Mary Hall, the owner of a pawnbroking business at Birmingham, frustrated the designs of two burglars who broke into the place during the small hours. When the men entered the room in which she was sleeping they threatened her with violence. She remained quiet while they ransacked the boxes, but after they had gone downstairs she walked on tip-toe to the front room, smashed the window with her hand, and called loudly for help. The burglars decamped, leaving the booty behind them, and a policeman came to the rescue of the plucky woman.

Another brave woman is Miss Kate Parsons, of a sub-post office in Maida Vale, who detected suspicious marks and erasures in a savings bank book. The man who presented it then attempted to escape, but Miss Parsons seized him by the arm while her colleague locked the door and sent for the police. This capture led to the arrest of three prisoners, who are suspected of numerous similar frauds.

An International Link.

Suffragists of various nationalities in Paris have combined in organising a society under the title of *Congrès Permanent du Féminisme International*. The society, which will meet on the fourth Friday of every month, at 8.30, at the Cercle du Progrès Féminin, 49, Rue Lafitte, is intended to serve as a link between suffragists of different nationalities who may be passing through Paris, and to help in making the international aspect of the movement felt. Admission to the meetings can be obtained from the Committee of the Congrès Permanent at the offices of *La Française*, 49, Rue Lafitte, on Fridays, between four and six o'clock. The secretary is Madame T. Orka, 38, Rue de Penthièvre, Paris.

Women's Wages in 1906.

From figures compiled in connection with a Board of Trade inquiry into wages during 1906, it appears that the average earnings of women and girls in the textile trades in the United Kingdom were 15s. 5d. and 8s. 11d. per week respectively, while those of men and lads were, respectively, 28s. 1d. and 10s. 5d. The following table is interesting also:—

	Men.		Women.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Cotton	29	6	18	8
Woollen	26	10	13	10
Lace	39	6	13	5
Hosiery	31	5	14	3
Linen	22	4	10	9
Jute	21	7	13	5

Girls and First Aid.

Branches of the Church Red Cross Brigade, a first-aid corps with military organisation for girls, have now been established at Burslem, Etruria, Wattisfield (Suffolk), and Uxbridge. Tunbridge Wells, Sherborne, Leeds, and Birmingham are about to follow suit. Some of the papers have described this as a nursing corps; this is, of course, erroneous. The only nursing corps formed for service in case of invasion is, so far as we are aware, that of the Nurse Territorials, drawn from the ranks of fully-trained civilian nurses.

Women Scientists.

An International Association of Medical Museums which should be of great value as a centre of scientific work has been formed in

America, and the secretary-treasurer, whose duties will naturally be responsible and important, is a woman, Dr. Maude E. Abbott, of McGill University.

An honour described as unparalleled has been deservedly conferred on Mme. Curie, who, with her late husband, was the discoverer of radium, and who, after his tragic death, was appointed to carry on his professional work at the University of Paris. The honour alluded to is her nomination as president of the electric section of the International Chemistry Congress, shortly to be held in London.

The Woman at the Helm.

Mrs. John Buscall, who brought her husband's ship "Demaris" into Yarmouth after he had been drowned on the passage from Plymouth, is a slightly built woman. She had been sailing the seas for fourteen years with her husband, who had taught her to steer, and in fine weather she often took her turn at the wheel. "So there was nothing," she told a newspaper representative, "in my being at the tiller to bring the vessel into Yarmouth." She stated that she was lying ill in the cabin when she heard the cry "Captain's overboard!" Rushing on deck she cut a lifebelt away with a knife and had it flung at him. She caught just one glimpse of her husband before he sank.

Dublin's First Woman Professor.

It is stated that the Board of Trinity College has elected Miss Constantia Elizabeth Maxwell as assistant to the Professor of Modern History. Miss Maxwell had a distinguished undergraduate course in Trinity College, and at the Moderatorship examination last year she obtained the first Senior Moderatorship and a gold medal in history and political science. She is the first woman to become a member of the teaching staff of Trinity College.

Triumph of a Woman Voter.

In Germany, says the *Women's Journal* (Boston), for the first time, an election has been set aside as illegal because a woman was not allowed to vote. A baroness in Westphalia was entitled to cast a proxy vote at a municipal election. Finding that her name had been left off the register, she protested. Her protest was not heeded, and the election was held without her. She appealed to the courts, which quashed the election, and decided that it must be held over again.

Votes for Women in California.

Mrs. Alice L. Park writes that she will have tables of reform literature during April at the annual convention of Santa Clara County Suffrage Association, and, in May, at the annual convention of the California Federation Women's Clubs. Mrs. Park adds: "I wonder we talked of 'political equality' and 'equal suffrage' so long, waiting for the Englishwomen to invent the plain English 'Votes for Women!'" The headquarters of the California Equal Suffrage Association are at 2,419, California Street, San Francisco.

A Leader of Men.

The chief ruler of Swaziland, it is interesting to learn, is a woman who has ruled with great capacity and diplomacy for twenty-five years, and under whom the country is in a very peaceful and prosperous condition.

A Woman Voter of Old Time.

An interesting discovery has been made concerning an ancestress of Mr. Taft, President of the United States of America. At her husband's death the town meeting granted her the right of suffrage during her son's minority. She exercised it creditably to her intelligence. On one occasion the Province of Massachusetts Bay made a special demand upon the town for money (possibly for some military emergency), and it was the widow Taft's vote in town meeting which carried the question, her patriotism being shown by her support of the measure.

Women in Finland.

A correspondent sends a glowing account to a daily paper of the activities of Finnish women. They occupy nearly all the offices in the public services, banks, railways, etc.; they enter all the professions, and even hold the posts of street-sweepers, milk carriers, paper-hangers, and booking clerks. Evidently they hold these posts because they deserve them, for we are told they are methodical, courteous, clever, industrious, speak several languages, and, with all this, enter into physical sports with enthusiasm.

Dr. Marie Stopes has just returned from Japan, where she has been carrying out research work for the Royal Society. Dr. Stopes, who is writing a report on her work, discovered thirty new genera of early plant forms, the age of which she estimates at 2,000,000 years at least.

BETWEEN TWO BOARDS.

By EVELYN SHARP.

Mere weather does not, of course, deter the militant Suffragist when it is her business to be on the war-path. Otherwise, a strong south-west wind, a sea of mud underfoot, and a real London, smutty drizzle overhead might well have discouraged us from sallying forth into the conventional streets of Kensington, girt about with sandwich-boards. Though our intentions were never more peaceable, I think we never felt more warlike. This may possibly have been, however, because there was something so very suggestive of a belted knight—whatever that curious melodramatic expression may mean—in being buckled into our armour, cardboard armour though it was, with a harmless device in purple and green on a field argent. Certainly, if some accident had caused us to bite the dust, we should have been as incapable of getting upon our feet again as any mediæval belted knight ever found it, after being unhorsed by the other mediæval knight.

Inside the VOTES FOR WOMEN shop, whence we started, I think we felt also a little like pantomime supers waiting in the wings for our call, as we strolled round in our unfamiliar accoutrements. We soon found that it requires both tact and skill, which we did not possess in any striking degree, to steer large sandwich-boards about a very small shop mainly furnished with a counter; and when, in these trial manœuvres, we had swept a goodly portion of our available stock on to the floor, our shopkeeper remarked very pointedly that she thought it was time we started. Another worker, who had just looked in to ask for volunteers for a similar procession in her own district, added a significant hint, as we filed past her, to the effect that intending helpers should make themselves look as smart as possible. This remark did not add to our self-possession, though I am sure it was not meant to suggest that a tramp along the gutter in mud, wind, and rain is the right occasion for sporting a new hat and a best frock.

I always like to think that one of the many compensating by-products of the militant agitation is the human experience it brings with it of all sorts and conditions of life. After a morning spent in selling VOTES FOR WOMEN in the street, for instance, one always registers a vow to refuse nothing in future from a street hawker, though it may mean stocking the home with quivering, iridescent beetles, collar-studs, and toasting-forks. Similarly, the first effect of carrying a sandwich-board is to arouse an immense feeling of sympathy for those unfortunate derelicts of the social system who have to do this sort of thing, not for a cause, but for a living. At the same time, I must admit that when, suffused with noble sentiment of this kind, I looked pityingly at the first real sandwich-man we passed, I was met, in return, by a still more eloquent expression of pity from his eye—the one that did not wink—and I found it a little disconcerting. The fact that one of my sandwich-boards was escaping its moorings at the moment may have had something to do with his professional contempt.

I cannot honestly say that our appearance was professional. The pace, though magnificent, never once suggested the easy saunter of the real sandwich-man. In time, no doubt, one could acquire his sublime indifference to the motor-omnibuses that crash past from behind along a wood pavement ready for skids. It was a distinct gain, I thought, that in our first trip we did learn not to look back timorously over one shoulder when these perils threatened. Besides, it is a Suffragette's business to look straight ahead and smile, even if at any moment she may be assisted several yards on her way by a chassis or a carriage-pole; and these trifles are not nearly so distracting to her as a red herring, in the shape of a fabulous Reform Bill, seems to be in the path of some people.

As usual, for every gibe from the street idler one could count a greeting from the right sort of citizen. An omnibus driver who waved his hat to us, the woman who dropped her skirts in the mud—a real sacrifice, as every woman knows—to take one of our bills, to say nothing of the enthusiastic cabman

who, giving us his views on the justice of enfranchising Mrs. Pankhurst as well as himself, added ingenuously, "I arst yer, ain't she got as much intelligence in her 'ead as what I 'ave?"—all these little incidents were wildly, disproportionately cheering. And even the postman, returning home with his empty bag, and therefore in a position, I suppose, to join issues with the unofficial man in the street, did not unduly depress us with his cheap little sneer: "Votes for a few rich women, ain't it?" Until that moment we had not thought of our rain-soaked, mud-bespattered garments as suggesting untold wealth and ease.

"It is the cause and not the death that makes the martyr," some people might have quoted at us from Napoleon, when we re-entered the purple, white, and green haven of our shop in Church Street. But, of course, we neither looked nor felt like martyrs. That is the best of going out to conquer the world with a sandwich-board. You feel a little tremulous, perhaps, at starting forth into the unknown; but you always end in finding that it is the same friendly old world as before, incapable of resisting a frontal attack. It is only the enemy who likes to call us martyrs for our pains. The real Suffragette rather quotes cheerfully to herself from George Herbert:—

"God gave thy soul brave wings; put not those feathers
Into a bed to sleep out all ill weathers."

THE PRISON.

And I saw a gaol lifting its grimy walls to heaven.

And they that passed by looked at it askance, for they said "It is the abode of Sin."

And to them the broad sky and all the earth was fair to look upon, for they saw the early buds opening, and heard the birds that had come back from the south, and they felt the sun which was new warming the hearts of beast and plant.

But within the prison, and behind its cold, thick buttresses, and its small, round, triple-barred windows, that looked like funnels, they heard faint groanings and sighings and much lamentation, and they said, "It is most just, for it is the abode of Sin."

And I heard a Voice saying, "Woe to the cause that hath not passed through a prison!"

And I looked again, and I saw in the gaol those deliverers who in each age have saved the world from itself, and set it free, and gyves were on their wrists and ankles.

And I saw Israel in the house of bondage before it came forth to preserve Duty for mankind.

Woe to the cause that hath not passed through a prison!

And I saw the Praetorian Hall and One that was bound therein, and the soldiers bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, and then led Him away to proclaim Love to the world.

Woe to the cause that hath not passed through a prison!

And I saw within the gaol them that gave liberty to the slave, and them that unbound the mind of man, and them that strove to free his conscience, and them that led onward to Freedom and Justice and Love.

Woe to the cause that hath not passed through a prison!

And I saw also those in our own time have counted themselves as nothing if they could but point out God's way unto their brethren; and there were many, too, of the prophets who are still to come, and these also were in bonds.

Woe to the cause that hath not passed through a prison!

And lo! the sky became clouded, and night fell, and there were no birds nor blossoms, but a chill came upon the earth, and they that passed by shivered and trembled; and I beheld, and saw that they were not men, but that they were really wolves, and apes, and swine.

And within the gaol was a great light, and a pleasant warmth came from the barred windows, and I heard a burst of triumphant song.

And the gyves fell from the limbs of the prisoners, and there was great joy.

And they that passed by would come in, but they could not; and now within was freedom, and without was captivity.

And the hosts within held up their arms, and the marks of their shackles were upon them.

But I hid my hands behind me, for there was no mark on my wrists.

Woe to the cause that hath not passed through a prison!

ERNEST CROSBY.

OUR POST BOX.

A TEACHERS' SECTION IN THE PROCESSION.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—I hear that a special demonstration has been arranged for April 17, the day following Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's release. May I appeal to all my fellow teachers who will be taking a holiday to return to London in time to take part in the demonstration? May I suggest that before going away (time will not permit after return) we use every endeavour to ensure that all our friends who believe in the enfranchisement of duly qualified women are also in this procession? I myself am returning on the 15th, in order to be among those who welcome our beloved Treasurer on the 16th. May I also suggest that every member of the local unions is not only represented, but that each one brings as many sympathisers as possible.—Yours, etc.,

FLORENCE M. RUSSELL.

25, Franconia Road, Olapham, S.W.

A NURSES' SECTION.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—In connection with the release of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence from Holloway Gaol on the expiration of the iniquitous sentence passed upon her, I have been asked by Miss Christabel Pankhurst to assist in forming a contingent of nurses to take part in the procession which has been arranged to start from Marble Arch at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, April 17. I am extremely anxious that we shall have a large muster of our profession to show our appreciation of the noble work accomplished by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence in the fight for women's freedom. Remembering how splendidly nurses responded to the call on June 21 last I am extending a most cordial invitation to all members of the profession to give us their support in welcoming our Treasurer on this occasion. Those taking part in the procession and desirous of attending the meeting will be entitled to tickets of admission to the body of the theatre at a special price of 6d. each, which may be obtained from me or at the offices of the Union. I shall be At Home at 30, Buckridge Buildings, Portpool Lane, Gray's Inn Road, E.C., on Sunday, April 11, from 4 to 6.30 p.m., when all nurses intending to join us on the occasion, or those who wish for further information regarding it, will be welcome.

Will each nurse having the Cause at heart make herself responsible for informing and bringing a small party of at least three to six nurse friends, so helping to make the nursing contingent another conspicuous success?

EDA BERLON.

ANOTHER DISGUSTED LIBERAL.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Mrs. Pankhurst has received the following letter:—

DEAR MADAM,—As a plural voter, will you permit me to add my name to the already long list of those who, as a mark of their disgust at the action of the present Government with regard to the question of Female Suffrage, and in view of the pressing need for this reform, intend to vote as you direct until it is brought about?—I am, Madam, yours very truly,

A. J. BAXTER.

17, Addison Court Gardens, West Kensington, W.

P.S.—May I suggest that you keep a register of voters who are with you, sending a copy from time to time to those whose duty it is supposed to be to dispense justice?

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—Having the privilege of two votes, whilst women with the same qualifications are not even allowed one, I write to say that both will be used against the present Government, together with my influence upon other voters. The denial of this elementary right when so many members of Parliament are pledged to vote for it brands the Government as undemocratic, reactionary, and false to truth and justice. Hence the fight is to the death. Assuring you of my best wishes and all possible help towards a speedy victory.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN N. KAY, Men's League.

Briar House, Heywood.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—We have read with great interest Mr. Charles W. Allen's letter in your issue of March 19, and my husband wishes me to tell you that he also has control of two votes, one for the North Wilts division and another for the West Somerset, and will be delighted to place them at your disposal for the next General Election.—Yours, etc.,

ELIZABETH T. OLIVER.

The Mansells, Minety, Malmesbury, Wilts.

SUBSCRIPTION TO "VOTES FOR WOMEN" FIRST.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—On more than one occasion I have seen it suggested that the supporters of Women's Suffrage should either reduce or stop some of their regular subscriptions, and devote the money thus saved to the furtherance of that cause. What particular hen-roosts should be chosen from which toll could be taken would depend on the personal opinion of the subscriber, but to render the proposed action effective it will be necessary to spread the net pretty widely. There are a great number of persons who believe that the grant of the Suffrage to duly-qualified women will be a benefit to the country in general, while on the other hand there are many who declare that it will be an unmixed evil. But between these two groups there lies a vast majority who, having little or no interest in the subject, would much prefer not to be troubled about it, and these are the people whose attention the Suffragists should endeavour to attract. A conviction that one has to pay for an object will generally call attention to that object; and if associations of persons find their funds diminishing and are told the cause of this falling off, it is not unreasonable to expect that they will endeavour to remove that cause.

If only a few persons will at once adopt this plan of stopping subscriptions, others will probably soon follow their example; and if all those who declare themselves ardent supporters of Women's Suffrage will allow their conviction to conquer their sentiment, I believe they will greatly further the object they have in view.

When refusing a new or stopping an old subscription it will be necessary to carefully and fully explain the reason for so doing; and if at the same time the person so refusing could give a provisional promise that if within a reasonable time duly qualified women are granted the franchise, then the subscription, with, if possible, the arrears paid up, would be continued, only good could result.

I have pledged myself to do all in my power to promote Women's Suffrage, and so when, a few days ago, I was asked to send a further subscription for a cause of which I highly approve, I sent a refusal, explaining my reasons for so doing.—Yours, etc.

LINLEY BLATHWATT, Lt.-Colonel.

Eagle House, Bathaston, Bath, April 3, 1909.

IN CANADA.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—Without, at present, active measures, I am creating in my milieu considerable interest and some surprise. Like all the truly "great," the Suffragettes have been "misunderstood" here, as formerly elsewhere! Of course, there are "Antis," who are doing good spade work. Their confident platitudes make excellent leverage for us. I have lately had an easy last word in the Press with an enthusiastic "Anti," who considerably hammered up a row of pegs for me to hang undisputable facts on. It was delightful!

Sir James Whitney, Premier of Ontario (Conservative), will receive a deputation of women suffragists at the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, on Wednesday next, the 25th. This will be the second deputation to wait on him within a very short time. The women of Ontario will not be suffered to go to the lengths we have to in order to obtain their political freedom—which I feel is very close at hand.

I should like to suggest that it might be well to publish in the terms of subscription for VOTES FOR WOMEN the amount in dollars and cents. Shillings and pence are very puzzling to people out here. For instance, yearly abroad 8s. 8d. (\$2.06), quarterly 2s. 2d. (52 cents).

Praying that the Liberal Government of old England may take a lesson in liberality and courtesy from the Conservative Government of young Ontario—and speedily.—Yours, etc.,

MARY KEEGAN.

Dundas, Ontario, Canada, March 22, 1909.

THE DATE OF THE ALBERT HALL MEETING.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—I see in VOTES FOR WOMEN this week you give date of Albert Hall meeting for United Suffrage Societies as April 29. On our tickets it says Tuesday, April 27.

M. R.

[The date of the Albert Hall meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union is Thursday, April 29. Since this meeting was organized another meeting on April 27 has been arranged by the N.U.W.S.S.—Ed., VOTES FOR WOMEN.]

EXTRACTS FROM THE PRESS.

THE "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN."

In Mrs. Arthur Somervell the Women's Anti-Suffrage League has found an energetic and able champion for its Manchester campaign, yet the friends of Women's Suffrage here are still waiting for a reasoned statement of the opposition to their cause. Mrs. Somervell, though she attempts it, lays herself open to criticism and reply all along the line. . . . Mrs. Somervell asks, if women take on their shoulders all the burdens which the vote implies, who is to bear their burden, and she raises the oft-repeated question of what is to become of the duties of motherhood. All this implies a gross misconception of the position of the ordinary voter. Why does he support and vote for a political candidate? It is because he is under the necessity of delegating his share in the government of the country to someone who is able to give a larger part of his time to its consideration. The immense number of citizens in a country and the intricacies in which increasing civilisation has involved the carrying on of government make it impossible for each member of the community to do his duty directly. Besides, he has his work to do; and for that reason he specifically, by one vote given at intervals of a number of years, gives away his right, for a certain time, to have a voice in the direction of the nation, and he gives it to a delegate, as we have said, who will do all the work for him. It will be seen, therefore, that so far from adding to the burdens of life, the power of voting is intended to lighten them. A man usually has a living to make for his family, just as a woman has her children to rear; the possession of a vote would detract no more from her efficiency than from his, and it would give the delegates of the nation a wider basis of popular support and an added sense of responsibility.

THE "NOTTINGHAM GUARDIAN."

We have given ungrudging support to the movement for obtaining votes for women householders, and have never been able to understand why there should be any opposition to such a necessary reform, because the opposition thus far has not been supported by a single reasonable argument. But it is much to be feared that the advocates of Women's Suffrage are just now carrying matters a little too far. They are within their rights in making themselves disagreeable to the party in power. In this country this is almost the only way to get political grievances redressed. The franchise was not extended to men on anything like a liberal basis until a disorderly crowd pulled up the railings at Hyde Park. The concession was then soon made. In fact, after the demonstration to which we have referred there was scarcely any hesitation in making it. And it may safely be said that the advocates of Women's Suffrage might have gone on holding quiet meetings and addressing letters to the newspapers to the crack of doom without making any real impression upon public opinion. It was not until the advocates of Women's Suffrage began to make themselves a nuisance that the subject came within the region of practical politics, and if these same women continue to make themselves a nuisance we shall not blame them.

THE "CHRISTIAN COMMONWEALTH."

If the Government would only put into its legislative programme a Bill for the enfranchisement of women, these deplorable scenes would cease to be enacted. Until the Government does that it is very clear that the agitation will continue on its present lines, and may even assume worse forms. The women have evidently made up their mind about that, quite independently of what male sympathisers or non-sympathisers may think, say, or do. If Mr. Asquith and Mr. Gladstone are hoping that the supply of women willing to sacrifice themselves for what is to them a just and sacred cause is nearly exhausted, they are doomed to disappointment. So far no fewer than 450 women have suffered imprisonment for asserting in their own way their right to the vote, and there are many others throughout the country who are willing to make what the leaders of the movement consider to be the most effective form of protest. But ought there to be any need for them to do this, even if their policy be regarded as mistaken? When will men insist, as a matter of simple justice, that, without further delay, the vote shall be given to qualified women?

THE "MANCHESTER COURIER."

The arrest in London of ten members of the Women's Social and Political Union again calls attention to the unstatesmanlike attitude of the Government towards an important question. While deputations from Tom, Dick, and Harry have been received on matters of

little or no interest, the Prime Minister refuses to receive a deputation on the subject of Women's Suffrage. Mr. Asquith may not be prompted by lack of courage, but it is surely lack of wisdom to refuse to ascertain the opinions of a representative body such as that which Mrs. Pankhurst presided over on March 30. Dissatisfaction was expressed with the Prime Minister's late pronouncement on the question, and a deputation was appointed to proceed to the House of Commons to interview him or one of his subordinates. The police forbade the representatives to march in processional order, but individually two dozen of them were allowed to approach St. Stephen's. Here their progress was barred, however, and in the struggle which accompanied an attempt to enter the House ten women, including two from Lancashire, were arrested. The fact that women from London, Manchester, Liverpool, Lancaster, and Birmingham were among the representatives of the Women's Social and Political Union indicates that the militant policy is approved by all its sections. Speaking in Manchester at a meeting of the local branch of the Union, Mr. Forbes-Robertson insisted that ignorance and prejudice were the chief obstacles in the way of the political enfranchisement of women. But stupid political tactics have much to do with the bitterness imported into the discussion, and for these the Government is undoubtedly responsible.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Questions intended for answer in this column should be addressed to the Editors "Votes for Women," and specially marked "Answers to Correspondents." They must be accompanied by name and address of the sender, and should be questions relating directly to Woman Suffrage or to the policy of the N.W.S.P.U.

65. *When women get the vote, what proportion of those with property will there be? and of women who are workers, will those of the so-called lower classes be in the majority?*

The number of working women who would be enfranchised on the terms claimed by the W.S.P.U. is estimated at about 80 per cent. of the whole.

66. *The statement has been made that at least four of the present Cabinet Ministers broke their pledges to the women in 1884. Will you tell me who these were and what is the authority for the statement?*

A reference to the Division List for Mr. Woodhall's Amendment (Hansard) shows that the following members of the present Cabinet voted against the amendment at the bidding of Mr. Gladstone:—Lord Tweedmouth, Viscount Wolverhampton, Viscount Morley, and Mr. Herbert Gladstone.

67. *Will you kindly explain the position which married women would have if the sex disability were removed and women were given votes on the same terms as men? Would they be enfranchised as joint owners if they themselves had not the property qualification?*

See the answer to Question 57 in our issue of March 5.

68. *It is stated in your last issue that since Mr. Asquith has been Prime Minister he has invariably refused to receive a deputation of women. Is this perfectly accurate as it stands, or does it simply refer to Woman Suffrage deputations, or to N.W.S.P.U. deputations? Has he not received deputations of Liberal women, or was this before he became Prime Minister? How many deputations of women—or of our Union—has he refused to meet?*

Yes, the statement is perfectly correct. Since becoming Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith has never received a deputation of women on any subject whatsoever. He has refused to meet five deputations from the N.W.S.P.U., and others from other societies—notably, the medical women who applied to see him last December. Whilst still Chancellor of the Exchequer he received two deputations of women, one representing the N.U.W.S.S. and the other one of women from his own constituency.

"HOW THE VOTE WAS WON."

An interesting new little drama has been written by Miss Cicely Hamilton and Christopher St. John, entitled "How the Vote Was Won," and a special performance will be given at the New Royalty Theatre, Dean Street, on Tuesday next, at 2.30. Readers of this paper are recommended to avail themselves of this opportunity of seeing it. Tickets can be obtained, price 1s., 6d., and 3d., from the Ticket Secretary, N.W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, or from the Box office of the theatre.

THE WOMAN'S EXHIBITION.

Prince's Skating Rink, May 13-26, 1909.

Communications to be addressed: Exhibition Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Time is flying fast. In five short weeks arrives the opening of the Woman's Exhibition, and there is much to be done. A great army has been at work to make the Exhibition the success it should be, and the battalions of this army, which have been manoeuvring under their own generals, doing their own work in their own way, must now attend the muster under the commander-in-chief.

The Exhibition Secretary is most anxious to receive as soon as possible full particulars as to the arrangement of the various stalls from the ladies who are managing them. She has already received a large number of interesting details and full descriptions; but the plans for the stalls are now being thought out, and the fuller the details given by the stall-holders the more satisfactory and complete these plans will be.

Tables are being provided 6 ft. by 3 ft., as it is thought this size will suit everyone. If any ladies want some special tables, etc., for their own particular stalls, will they kindly write this week without fail.

Catalogues.

The catalogue of the Exhibition is now well in hand. No effort has been spared to make it as complete and interesting as possible. Hence all details concerning the stalls, entertainments, etc., should be sent in as speedily as possible, so that they may be incorporated with the rest.

Entertainments.

Offers in this respect have come in with gratifying promptitude, but we are still in need of string bands. Will any ladies kindly promise to provide these? Ladies' string bands (quartets or quintets) are specially required, and offers to provide them will be very heartily appreciated.

The Farm Produce and Flower Stall.

Mrs. Marshall sends us some very interesting details of this important stall, which is under the patronage of the following ladies:—

Lady Knvett, Lady Constance Lytton, the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, the Hon. Lady Johnston, Miss Joachim, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Frank Corbett, the Misses Beck, Miss Le Lachern, Mrs. Diplock, Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. Littlejohn, Miss Abbey, Mrs. Alston Paffard, Mrs. Murry, Miss Fergus, Miss Gray, Miss Perrock, Mrs. Trist, Mrs. Hart Davis, Miss Conran, Mrs. Lyle, the Misses McLeod, and others.

An attractive scheme of prizes has been arranged in connection with this stall—viz.:—

On Thursday, May 13 (opening day of the Exhibition), and on Saturday, May 22, three prizes will be offered for competition in the following classes:—

First prize, £1; second prize, 12s.; third prize, 6s.:

Class A.—For the best pair of fowls, drawn and trussed for table.

Class B.—For the best couple of ducks, drawn and trussed for table.

First prize, 15s.; second prize, 7s. 6d.; third prize, 3s. 6d.:

Class C.—For the best pound of butter.

First prize, 10s.; second prize, 5s.; third prize, 2s. 6d.

Class D.—For the best dozen of white eggs.

Class E.—For the best dozen of brown eggs.

On Tuesday, May 18, and Tuesday, May 25, the following prizes will be offered for competition in the following classes:—

First prize 10s.; second prize, 5s.; third prize, 2s. 6d.

Class F.—For the best assortment of vegetables.

First prize, 15s.; second prize, 7s. 6d.; third prize, 3s.:

Class G.—For the best basket of flowers.

First prize, 7s. 6d.; second prize, 5s.; third prize, 2s. 6d.:

Class H.—For the best bouquet of flowers.

Class I.—For the best flowering plant.

First prize, 5s.; second prize, 2s. 6d.; third prize, 1s.:

Class J.—For the best flower-button-hole.

In addition to the prizes offered, four award cards will be given in each class—viz., Reserve, V.H.C., H.C., C. The judges' awards throughout will be final.

In order to qualify for competition, the exhibits—which must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitors—must be at the Prince's Skating Rink by 11 a.m. on the days named. Entries must be sent in by Saturday, May 8, so that exhibitors may receive labels (on which to write names and addresses), accompanied by numbered envelopes. These envelopes, containing the labels, will be sealed and not opened until after the awards have been made. There is no entrance fee. All exhibits will be sold for the benefit of the Exhibition, and must be sent carriage paid.

All communications should be addressed to the Hon. Secretaries, Mrs. E. K. Marshall and Miss Isabel Seymour, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Gifts for the Farm Produce and Flower Stall will be gratefully received, and it will be a great help if intending exhibitors will notify the Hon. Secretaries as soon as possible as to what they are prepared to send, and for which day they will send it, so that the necessary arrangements may be made.

Doll Stall.

The following letter is from Mrs. Taylor, of Chipchase Castle, Wark-on-Tyne:—

May I beg for further help from those who are clever with the needle? Up to the present Miss New and I have received applications for only 150

dolls to dress, and the doll stall will need at least 400 or 500 dolls. Having had experience of only "three days' sale" bazaar, the prospect of a twelve days' sale fairly terrifies me! I know we shall run short of dolls. Dolls of all sizes, from three to eighteen inches, will be supplied gratis by myself (and to those applicants who live in Newcastle by Miss New, 33, Bye Hill). I suggest that a prison cell, with prisoner and wardress, and a procession of released prisoners, or at any rate the leading brake, would be very effective, and when sold we should ask the buyer to leave the group on the stall till the close of the Exhibition. A bridal procession has been promised. Any illustration of a nursery rhyme sells well—Jack and Jill, Little Jack Horner, Struwwelpeter, the Three Bears.

AT THE QUEEN'S HALL.

Miss Pankhurst, presiding on Monday afternoon at the Women's Social and Political Union At Home at the Queen's Hall, said that a seat in Parliament was not part of their movement; a vote was a hundred times better than a seat in the House of Commons, because a voter was independent, and a member of Parliament was not. The Anti-Suffragist women were breaking the ground and doing the spade work, and the Women's Social and Political Union, and other bodies would reap the harvest in the shape of workers for the Suffrage cause. To those ladies who said that women did not want the vote she said: "Speak for yourselves, ladies; we do." (Laughter.) At the recent demonstration at the House of Commons there was a shocking display of bad manners on the part of members of Parliament, who laughed at the women; they would not have laughed at the women if they had read history. There was a lack of decent human feeling on the part of those members; the small-mindedness displayed was deplorable. Members were afraid to stand up for a cause which was not popular, and there was not as much moral courage in the whole House of Commons as there was in one of their women. (Cheers.) It required more courage for a woman to take part in these demonstrations than for a soldier to take part in a battle.

Lady Constance Lytton, explaining how she became a Suffragette, said she saw every day instances of what had been preached by the speakers at the meetings. Up to six months before she had known little or nothing of the Votes for Women movement, and had by accident come into touch with some of the leaders—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Annie Kenney, Miss Jessie Kenney—in private life, and had learned from them some of the motives underlying this great movement. She found they were different from ordinary women only in their wider knowledge and greater powers. She was greatly impressed when she found that their arguments, far from being based on sentiment, or even enthusiasm, proceeded from the most practical motives. She told the audience how three years ago, when Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Miss Annie Kenney first went to prison, she wondered what life inside the walls of prison meant to educated women, and, as she had always been deeply interested in the question of prison reform, wondered vaguely if she would ever find herself inside the walls of a prison for the sake of Votes for Women. Lady Constance then described the phases she went through before she became a militant Suffragette and joined the deputation which attempted to see the Prime Minister last February. She told how, on the afternoon of the 24th, she had been put in charge of Miss Gye, who told her she was not a speaker, but all she could say was that one of the most eloquent speeches she had ever listened to was made to her by Miss Gye that afternoon. Lady Constance read an extract from a letter she had received from a male sympathiser, in which the writer expressed his surprise that "noblesse oblige" had not prevented a woman of her social status from going to Holloway, and explained that it was "noblesse oblige" which made her go, since true nobility consists in nobility of action.

BYE-ELECTIONS.

EAST EDINBURGH.

Committee Rooms—64, Montrose Terrace, Edinburgh.

The figures at the last election were:—Sir George McCrae (Lib.), 6,606; Rankin Dunsie (Con.), 3,432. Lib. maj., 4,174.

Our preparations for the fight are now almost complete. We are expecting reinforcements from the south in the persons of Mrs. Clarke, Miss Georgina Brackenbury, Miss Spong, and Miss Binnie, and we are hoping, too, to have the help of Miss Adela Pankhurst, Miss Conolan, and Miss Bidwell.

Florence E. M. Macaulay.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

The figures at the last election were:—Captain Kinoid Smith (Lib.), 4,321; Mr. P. S. Foster (Con.), 4,173. Liberal majority, 148.

The W.S.P.U. are making preparations to be represented at Stratford-on-Avon if an official Liberal is placed in the field.

QUESTIONING CABINET MINISTERS.

During the week Cabinet Ministers have not been allowed to forget the Woman Suffrage Movement, and wherever they have been speaking in public they have found themselves confronted by women anxious for enfranchisement. The battle has been carried still further home in the case of Mr. Asquith, who is learning the lesson that he cannot continue to block the way of women to the vote without having to face the consequences of his action.

Earl Crewe at Leicester.

Earl Crewe was visiting Leicester on Tuesday in last week, and was questioned by several women on the intentions of the Government with regard to the enfranchisement of women. A pledge was exacted from all ticket-holders not to make any interruptions during the meeting, and the members of the W.S.P.U. accordingly did not attempt to enter the building. Lord Crewe hoped that in this way he would escape an encounter with the Suffragettes, but he was entirely mistaken. In spite of the fact that two detectives and an inspector and two constables were present at the station, and that all arrangements for his arrival had been kept secret, on alighting from his train he found himself being asked by a woman when the Government was going to put its Liberal principles into practice by giving the vote to women. He was quite unprepared for this question and seemed entirely upset. He was followed to his motor-car and questioned again. On his entering the Temperance Hall in the evening two women approached him and tackled him on the subject, but he gave no reply. They accordingly addressed the crowd, and explained to them the position that was being adopted. One of the men went into the hall and put a number of questions to Lord Crewe during the delivery of his speech. He was not interfered with until he put a question on Woman Suffrage, and then about twenty stewards surrounded him, and with the assistance of the police got him out of the building. As Lord Crewe left the hall he was further questioned, but did not give any reply.

Mr. Haldane at Kensington.

Mr. Haldane was speaking on Wednesday in last week at the Kensington Town Hall. On his entering the building a woman present called out to him: "Resign from a Government that persecutes women!" At the time that this was said he was standing talking to one of the men at the door. He then began to move on, and other women broke through the lines of men and spoke to him. "You have imprisoned our women who are political offenders," he was told, "for three months in the second division. How would you like it yourself? Mr. Asquith runs away from the deputation even with 6,000 police between him and them!" As Mr. Haldane reached the foot of the stairs: "Resign! resign! resign!" was ringing in his ears.

Mr. Asquith.

The Prime Minister came into contact with the Suffragettes on Friday morning in last week. He was on his way to give a sitting to Mr. Solomon at 18, Hyde Park Gate, where his portrait is being painted. On alighting from his motor-car he was met by two members of the W.S.P.U., one of whom addressed him, asking him to take a copy of VOTES FOR WOMEN. "You ladies are clever," escaped involuntarily from him. One of them then said to him, "Will you not let us have a few minutes' conversation?" "Not a word," said Mr. Asquith. The other woman then asked him, "When are you going to receive a woman's deputation?" "Not a word," he again replied, and proceeded to run up the steps. As he did so one of them shouted after him, "You know, Mr. Asquith, you are playing a losing game."

Mr. Runciman.

On Wednesday, the 31st ult., Mr. Runciman spoke at the Agricultural Hall, Wolverhampton, and, as usual, great precautions were taken to keep women wanting votes out. A few women's tickets were issued; these were afterwards cancelled, and a still smaller number issued. In spite of these precautions Miss Bertha Ryland succeeded in getting in, and made two protests in the course of Mr. Runciman's speech. Outside the crowd gathered to hear Miss Burkitt address a protest meeting. The police refused to allow Miss Burkitt to hold a meeting, and, on her insisting, she was arrested. She was bailed out, and appeared before the magistrate next morning at 11 o'clock. When she explained that her object was to protest against the Liberal Government the magistrate said, "Botheration! Be off with you back to Birmingham."

Mr. Sydney Buxton.

At Stoke-on-Trent, on Friday, Mr. Sydney Buxton opened a new post office. Several members of the W.S.P.U. were present, and effective protests were made during the ceremony of opening

the door with a silver key. When questions were put to him as to how long the Government intend to withhold justice from women while imprisoning them for asking for the vote, the band struck up, in an endeavour to drown the voices. Mr. Buxton sent off the first telegram as usual. It was addressed to Mrs. Sydney Buxton, and ran as follows: "Successfully declared new Stoke office open, amidst great applause and in spite of the Suffragettes." The women also made use of the new office to send a telegram to Mr. Buxton demanding the enfranchisement of women, and during the public lunch in the North-West Hotel succeeded in once more reminding Mr. Buxton of women's demand for freedom.

WELCOME TO MISS GYE.

On Thursday morning, April 1, Miss Elsa Gye was released from Holloway, after serving a term of six weeks' imprisonment, for forming one of the deputation which tried to see the Prime Minister on February 24. She was met at the gates by Miss Christabel Pankhurst and a large number of members of the N.W.S.P.U. A procession was formed and, headed by a band, marched through the streets to the Inns of Court Hotel, where the Committee entertained Miss Gye and those of her colleagues belonging to the deputation who had been released the previous week to a private breakfast.

Deeds not Words.

In the evening of the same day the usual Thursday evening At Home was transformed into a public welcome to Miss Gye. When Mrs. Pankhurst, who presided, came on the platform with Mrs. Tuke and Miss Gye the enthusiasm was intense, the whole audience rising and cheering for several minutes. When silence was at last procured Mrs. Pankhurst said that it was obvious the audience realised the significance of that gathering, which was to welcome their released prisoner, Miss Gye. Referring to the meeting addressed by Mr. Lloyd George in December of last year, Mrs. Pankhurst said that one of the most pertinent interjections was that which reminded the Cabinet Minister that "deeds not words" was what was wanted, and Miss Gye was one of those women who firmly believed in that dictum. Although an ardent worker for the cause for the last two years, she had not yet brought herself to speak upon a public platform, and had therefore asked her (Mrs. Pankhurst) to make a speech for her and explain the reason which led her to spend the last six weeks in Holloway. Mrs. Pankhurst then explained the militant policy of the W.S.P.U., and dwelt on the reasons which lead women to give up so willingly their liberty for the sake of the cause they believe to be just.

Later in the evening Mrs. Tuke presented Miss Gye with a fountain pen "from a few friends of the W.S.P.U." The audience then called upon Miss Gye to make a speech, and cheered her again and again as she rose and briefly thanked them for her welcome, and expressed her willingness to go to Holloway again if necessary.

SUFFRAGETTES AT THE BOAT RACE.

The Suffragette launch, with its flag of purple, white and green, was, next to the rival boats, the great centre of attraction at Saturday's boat race. The weather was perfect, the crowd a record one, and the interest and friendliness of the spectators towards the Suffrage movement was evident; while even the police, who last year boarded the launch to search for hidden bombs or other fell designs, smiled in a quite fraternal way, and left us unmolested. The headway we have made was patent in the understanding attitude of the crowd. No longer were we strange monsters who did extraordinary things; we were just determined women who had set out to right a grievous wrong, and would not be deterred. Cheers, waving of handkerchiefs, and cries of "Stick it!" and "You'll win!" greeted the launch as she steamed slowly down stream from Biffin's Wharf at 11 o'clock, displaying the big banners that announced the great procession of Saturday next and the Albert Hall meeting of the 29th.

On board were a dozen active members of the W.S.P.U. wearing the regalia and colours, and as they passed they informed the spectators, through the megaphone, of the forthcoming events in the campaign, while from time to time the battle-cry, "Votes for Women!" was shouted in unison.

Meantime, on shore a band of dauntless workers were early on the scene selling VOTES FOR WOMEN. They were well received, and did such a brisk trade they were soon "sold out."

In fact, everyone who came to see our great national boat race saw the Suffragettes too, and that is as it should be!

THE ALBERT HALL MEETING.

Great interest is being taken in the Albert Hall meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union on Thursday evening, April 29, and attempts are being made to surpass all that has been done before in this hall. As this will be the one opportunity which the delegates to the International Congress of Woman Suffrage will have of hearing the W.S.P.U. speakers, a special explanation will be given of the militant tactics of the Union. Accordingly, this will be a special occasion on which to bring doubting friends to hear the position expounded. The presence, too, of all the ex-prisoners on the platform will provide a special attraction. It has been decided to ask them to dress in white or in the colours of the Union instead of in prison dress, as was originally proposed. A presentation will be made to them in the course of the evening. It is Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's special wish that a large number of tickets should be taken by members and friends of the Union for disposal to their acquaintances. Tickets, price 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d., can be obtained from the Ticket Secretary, N.W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. Men are admitted to the 5s. and 2s. 6d. seats only.

THE MOTOR-CAR.

Readers of VOTES FOR WOMEN will be glad to know that over half the cost of the motor-car which is to be presented to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence has already been subscribed, and contributions to the remaining half will be gladly received by Mrs. Tuke, who is acting as treasurer of this fund. The total cost of the car is about £450, of which £200 still remains to be provided.

CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST WOMEN'S FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION.

The Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association (offices, 48, Dover Street, Piccadilly, W.) are making arrangements for extending their work in many directions. The first four months of their existence have been so successful that a rapid development of the work is anticipated.

The Kensington Committee held a most successful meeting on March 31 at 34, Elgin Crescent, W. (by kind permission of Mrs. Denibaa). Miss Chadwick was in the chair. In spite of bad weather, the room was crowded, and the audience listened with deep attention to Miss Packer's lecture on "The History of Women's Franchise." The questions asked after the meeting showed how closely those present had followed her arguments. Much literature was sold, and several new members joined the Association. Besides an important meeting on the 23rd, the Kensington Committee is hoping to have a series of afternoon and evening Drawing-room gatherings during the summer, details of which will be announced later on.

ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

The meeting held last Friday at the Criterion Restaurant was very well attended, and resulted in an addition of over £16 to the funds. Lady Strachey was in the chair, and the speakers were Lady Grove, Miss Frances Sterling, and Mr. Stanger, M.P. Enthusiasm for the Suffrage cause was unlimited, but a criticism of militant methods by the last speaker roused obvious disagreement in the audience. The League, which is still very young, already numbers 240 members. Two gentlemen have offered their services to the League—Mr. A. C. T. Veasey, Queen's House, Queen Street, Cheapside, as hon. solicitor, and Mr. M. Campbell Johnstone, of 2, Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C., as hon. barrister.

The next meeting for members and friends of the League will be held on April 20, from 3 to 5 p.m., at 3, Bedford Street Studios, Strand, W.C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will be released on Friday at 8 o'clock. A special welcome is being arranged for her at the prison gates. From Holloway friends will drive or go by train (Caledonian Road to Piccadilly Circus) to the Criterion Restaurant, where breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Tickets, price 2s. each, can be obtained of the Ticket Secretary, N.W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. The procession will be reserved for the following day. It will form up inside Hyde Park at 2.30, and start from the Marble Arch at 3 o'clock, and march to the Aldwych Theatre in Aldwych, where a meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m., at which Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will be the principal speaker. Tickets, stalls and dress circle, 2s. 6d.; dress circle and upper circle, 1s.; pit (for processionists only), 6d.; gallery, 6d., should be obtained at once of the Ticket Secretary, N.W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

The next Monday-afternoon At Home in London will be held on Monday, April 19, at the Queen's Hall, from 3 to 5, when Miss Christabel Pankhurst will be the principal speaker. The next At Home, at the St. James's Hall, will be held on Thursday evening, April 22.

The Exhibition.

As there are now only five weeks to the great Exhibition on May 13 to May 26, readers are invited to use every means available

for making it known to their friends. Posters and handbills are now ready, and will be sent free on application to the Exhibition Secretary, N.W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn.

The Women's Press.

Owing to the demand of our readers, the delightful comedietta by Beatrice Harraden of last week is being reproduced in pamphlet form, and will be ready shortly, price 1d. The article by Miss Elizabeth Robins, "The Signs of the Times," and the article by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, "Why I Went to Prison," are being reproduced as leaflets, and will shortly be available.

Special narrow ribbon suitable for tying up parcels, etc., in the colours of the Union can now be obtained from the Women's Press, price 1½d. a yard.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

		VOTES FOR WOMEN CORPS	
April	Thurs. 8	Birmingham, 14, Ethel Street	Bowes Park W.S.P.U.
		Wood Green, Unity Hall	Mrs. Penn-Gaskell
		Putney, Drawing-room Meeting, 3, Oxford Road	
		Waltham Green, nr. St. John's Church	Mrs. Penn-Gaskell
	Fri. 9	East Edinburgh, Broughton Hall	Miss Brackenbury and others
	Sat. 10	Southport	Mrs. Duncan, Miss Jessie Russell
		Brixham, Open-air Meeting	
	Sun. 11	Hampstead Heath	Mrs. Mosen
	Mon. 12	Morecambe	Miss Mary Gawthorpe
		Barnmouth, Open-air Mtg.	
	Tue. 13	Morecambe	Miss Mary Gawthorpe
		Paddington, Open-air Mtg.	Miss Irene Dallas and others
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		Langham Street, W., Market end	Miss Ainsworth and others
		Kensington, Holland Walk	Mrs. Myer, Miss Hewitt
		Ladbroke Grove	Miss Evelyn Sharp, Miss Hewitt
	Wed. 14	North Kensington	Miss Corson, Miss Morrison, Miss Hewitt
		Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall	Mr. Forbes Robertson, Chair: Mrs. Maxtone Graham
		Morecambe	Miss Mary Gawthorpe
		Monmouth Road, Westbourne Grove	Miss Evelyn Sharp, Miss Ayrton, Miss Ferguson
		Hyde Park, near Marble Arch, W.	Miss Ayrton, Miss Irene Dallas
		Marble Arch	Miss Sharp, Miss Dallas
		King's St., W., off High St.	Miss Corson, Miss Coombs, Miss Ayrton
		Nevern Place, Earls Court, S.W.	Miss Canning, Miss Hewitt
		Paddington, Open-air Mtg.	Miss Ayrton and others
		Nufford Place, W., outside Garrond's	Miss Ainsworth and others
	Thu. 15	North Kensington, Shopping Meeting, High Street	Miss Cameron
		North Kensington	
		Putney, Open-air Meeting	Miss Corson, Miss Morrison
		Monmouth Road, W.	
		Putney, Drawing-room Meeting, 3, Oxford Road	Miss Mills, Miss Irene Dallas
		Marble Arch	
		Hatherley Grove, W.	Miss Ayrton
		Portland Place, Bolsover Street, W.	Miss Mills, Miss Irene Dallas
		Archer Street, W.	Miss Ainsworth and others
		Warwick Road, Richmond Road, S.W.	Miss Evelyn Sharp, Miss Hewitt
		Wood Green Unity Hall	Miss Corson, Mrs. Myer
		Morecambe	
		Paddington Green	Bowes Park W.S.P.U.
		Holloway Gaol	Miss Mary Gawthorpe
	Fri. 16		Miss Ayrton
		London, Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly	Release of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence
		Pickering Place, W.	Public Breakfast to welcome Mrs. Pethick Lawrence
		Pembroke Gardens, W.	Miss Mills, Miss Irene Dallas
		New King's Road, 20, Churchfield Mansions, S.W.	Miss Mills and others
		London, Procession to form up at Marble Arch	Committee Meeting
	Sat. 17	Glasgow, At Home, 111, Bath Street	A welcome to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence
		London, Great Public Meeting, Aldwych Theatre	Miss Conolan, Miss Underwood
			Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Chair: Mrs. Pankhurst
	Sun. 18	Hampstead Heath	
		Brookwell Park	Miss Seymour
		Clapham Common	
		Peckham Bye	
		Battersea Park	Miss Mills
	Mon. 19	London, At Home, Queen's Hall	Miss Christabel Pankhurst
		Newport, Temperance Hall	
	Tue. 20	Glasgow, Athenaeum	Mrs. Pankhurst
			Mr. Forbes Robertson, Miss Adela Pankhurst
		Birmingham, At Home, Midland Hotel	
		Birmingham, At Home, Priory Rooms, Old Square	
		Fulham, Whist Drive, Kelvedon Hall	
	Wed. 21	Wolverhampton, At Home, St. Peter's Institute	
		Leeds, Arts Club	Miss Marsh

IMPORTANT FUTURE EVENTS.

April	22	Bath, Guild Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Constance Lytton
	27	Leeds, Lecture, Literary and Philosophical Society's Hall	Miss Elizabeth Robins
	28	Bradford, Mechanics' Institute	Miss Elizabeth Robins
	29	London, Albert Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence
	30	Bristol, Victoria Rooms	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Constance Lytton
May	5	Kensington, Town Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Constance Lytton
	7	Birmingham, Town Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence
	13-26	Prince's Skating Rink	Exhibition and Sale of Work

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The Women's Social and Political Union are NOT asking for a vote for every woman, but simply that sex shall cease to be a disqualification for the franchise.

At present men who pay rates and taxes, who are owners occupiers, lodgers, or have the service or university franchise possess the Parliamentary vote. The Women's Social and Political Union claim that women who fulfil the same conditions shall also enjoy the franchise.

It is estimated that when this claim has been conceded, about a million and a quarter women will possess the vote, in addition to the seven and a-half million men who are at present enfranchised.

The Women's Social and Political Union claim that a simple measure, giving the vote to women on these terms, shall be passed immediately.

THE SUMMER CAMPAIGN.

The moment has come to view the campaign of the spring and summer as a whole. The work of the coming months falls into two divisions—militant and non-militant—for in this, as in other armies, there are duties to be performed by combatants and non-combatants both.

In London and all parts of the country we shall hold innumerable open-air meetings in parks, at street-corners, and at factory gates; for this is the best of all means of popularising a movement. At an open-air meeting one gets the ear of the general public, and all danger of speaking solely to a partisan audience is removed. It is generally admitted that women speakers are specially well qualified to grapple with the difficulties of open-air speaking; and the success of our outdoor meetings is acknowledged both by friend and foe.

The great need at the present time is a larger number of speakers. The interest of the people has been aroused, and from all over the country comes the demand for meetings. This demand must be supplied. The organisers of this movement are very glad to give advice and provide the necessary opportunities to those who are prepared to train as speakers.

In addition to the open-air campaign there are to be indoor meetings; in particular the series of weekly gatherings in the Queen's Hall and St. James's Hall, London, and in the various provincial centres will be continued until the end of July.

This campaign of education presents three outstanding features:—

First comes the welcome to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence on her release from Holloway. The breakfast at the Criterion Restaurant on the morning of the 16th, the great procession from Marble Arch, and the meeting in the Aldwych Theatre on Saturday, April 17, will be attended not only by London members, but by the organisers and other representatives of the movement throughout the country. Second, in order of time, comes the great demonstration in the Albert Hall on Thursday, April 29. Here will be gathered together the women who have suffered imprisonment during the whole course of the militant movement. With us, as our guests, will be the representatives of the International Woman Suffrage Movement who have chosen this country as their place of meeting because of the interest they feel in our militant campaign.

Then follows the Exhibition in the Princes' Skating Rink, which opens on May 13 and closes on May 26. The objects to be achieved by the holding of this Exhibition are several. It will be a means of popularising the colours of the Union. Since their adoption last June we have learnt the value of the appeal to the eye which they enable us to make. The raising of funds is another main purpose of the Exhibition. Quite apart from its value in enabling practical work to be done, a big campaign fund is an argument which, to some minds, carries more conviction than any other. Since the appearance of the annual report we have had evidence of the impression which our success in raising £20,000 during the past year has made upon the political world. The Exhibition, if it did no more than provide the large addition to the war chest for which we hope, would be well worth the time and energy which the Union is expending upon it. But we believe it will have the further and no less valuable result of increasing our active membership. During these twelve days the Exhibition will be visited by large numbers of women who are as yet strangers to the movement. We shall give them the opportunity of learning more of the movement, of becoming subscribers to the paper, of joining the Union.

But this campaign of education, if it is to bring us even one step nearer to our goal, must have some outcome in action. We rouse and educate the people in vain unless, having so roused and educated them, we are able to tell them what it is we want them to do. By converting the public to woman suffrage we generate a great political force, but we must know how to apply that force, or our work is in vain. In a word, a definite policy is essential to the success of the Woman Suffrage movement. Such a policy the Women's Social and Political Union has, and it consists in bringing pressure to bear upon the Government by acting in opposition to them. In the case of men that opposition can be rendered effective by means of their Parliamentary vote, but those who are voteless cannot show their discontent with the Government, except by the use of unconstitutional methods, which may be more or less moderate according to the temperament of those who use them and the political conditions of the time. The methods in use by the Women's Social and Political Union are, as we know, more moderate than those adopted by other political outlaws, though they are yet, we hope, vigorous enough to gain the end in view. These methods are to be pursued unceasingly throughout the year. Many opportunities of bringing our claim before the members of the Government will certainly present themselves, and we shall avail ourselves of every one.

The determination to gain an interview with the Prime Minister and obtain from him a definite undertaking to remove forthwith the political disability of sex is quite unshaken by the treatment meted out to the deputation which went to Westminster some days ago. Members of the Union are not to be driven back by the physical force tactics to which the Government have recourse. The vindictive sentence of three months' imprisonment inflicted on Patricia Woodlock has made those who have not yet taken part in these deputations feel that they ought now to volunteer for such service in the place of women who have suffered imprisonment before. The course of political affairs may render it necessary for another deputation to go to Westminster in the very near future. Our action in this matter must necessarily depend upon events. But it has been definitely decided that a great deputation of women shall approach the Prime Minister on Tuesday, June 29. Members of the Union are deeply grateful to the women who on their behalf lately went to Westminster and are now suffering imprisonment in Holloway Gaol; but the feeling is strong in our ranks that the burden ought not to be allowed to fall only on the few, and that a large and representative deputation of women ought before long to proceed to Westminster to demand an interview with the Prime Minister. Such a deputation is now being formed, and the appointed day for action is June 29. From this moment our attention will be fixed upon that day; all our work, militant and non-militant, will be a preparation for it. Day by day, volunteers for the deputation will be enrolled. Constantly we shall think of June 29, we shall speak of it, we shall work towards it, in order that the deputation may by its size and representative character give the strongest possible proof that women are determined to make good their claim to political liberty.

Christabel Pankhurst.

WELCOME TO MRS. PETHICK LAWRENCE.

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE W.S.P.U.,—

The Easter holidays of 1909 will always be memorable to me because they come immediately before the release of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence from prison.

Those of us who know and love her most did our best to persuade her not to take the risk which for women who work for votes means loss of liberty. "You have done and are doing enough in other ways," we said. "Let others who can bear imprisonment better do that part of the work." We know how she loves the open air, the sight of the sky and fields and flowers, and we could not bear the thought of her bright spirit being dulled in the grey monotony of prison.

We dreaded the loss of her from the work of the Union. No one could fill her place as Treasurer. No one could do her special work as Editor, writer, and speaker!

But all our objections had to yield before her determination to make her giving of herself to the women's movement full and complete, and so she went to prison.

In her own beautiful and eloquent way she has told us how she came into the movement and why she is now in prison. I shall never forget the evening when first I met her. It was in the early days of the Union's work in London. The struggle seemed almost hopeless, but at once she threw herself whole-heartedly into the work to which she now devotes her life.

On the 16th inst. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence returns to us and to active service.

How eagerly she is looking forward to that coming out!

As she sits sewing in her bare and narrow cell she is making mind-pictures of what her friends and comrades are doing outside. She is wondering how the members are working, how the movement is spreading and growing in strength and power. She thinks of the paper and its usefulness, and makes plans for increasing its circulation. She says to herself, "What progress is being made with the May Exhibition? Are the stalls all taken up, and is work and money coming in?" When she comes through the prison gates on the 16th her greeting to us who meet her will be: "Is it well with the cause, dear friends?" Just as to-day she longs to put that question, so we are waiting to reply, "It is well."

We want her to feel how much we have missed her bright presence and how rejoiced we are to have her back again, but most of all we want to convince her that her sacrifice has been worth the making.

Let us all, then, be at the prison gate on Friday, the morning of the 16th, to welcome her as our dear sister and personal friend. Let that welcome be for her very self. She must feel that not only is she a leader of a great women's movement, she is the friend and comrade of every woman in the Union, and we are there each and all of us as members of our great and united family of women. It may mean for some the shortening of a holiday, for others a very early rising, but those who have themselves been in prison know what it means to see that gathering of women outside the gates of Holloway.

Then on Saturday, the 17th, comes the official and public welcome. On that day we show the politicians and the public how women honour those who suffer in the woman's cause. Our procession must be the most effective we have yet held. Let us all take part in it and do all in our power to make it a great success. It must be large in numbers, dignified and impressive. Every one of us if possible must wear the colours. Our dear Treasurer with her keen artistic sense knows how the human mind is affected by colour. Let us then wear the purple, white and green, and with bands playing and banners waving march through London, a brave army of women engaged in a war against a Government which refuses us power to help to build up a truly Imperial race.

Our procession ends at the Aldwych Theatre where Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will speak once more to us all.

The theatre must be filled to overflowing.

This, then, is how we shall show our appreciation of all that Mrs. Lawrence has done and is doing for our cause. Let each one of us do our part and the demonstration will be a magnificent success.

I know what Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will think as she drives in the procession through the streets of London with all the promise of spring in the air. It will be this. That in spite of hardships of prison it is good to be alive and able to play a noble part in the fight for the freedom of women and the upliftment of the human race.

Yours in the cause,

Emmeline Pankhurst.

PROGRAMME.

The arrangements for the welcome to be accorded to the Honorary Treasurer of the N.W.S.P.U. on her release from Holloway are as follows:—

Friday, April 16.

6 a.m.—Welcome at the gates of Holloway.

9 a.m.—Breakfast, Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus.

There will be no procession from the prison to the restaurant. Members and friends will make their own arrangements either to drive or to go by train from the Caledonian Road Station to Piccadilly Circus.

Saturday, April 17.

PROCESSION FROM HYDE PARK, MARBLE ARCH, TO THE ALDWYCH THEATRE.

2.30 p.m.—Form up inside Hyde Park as follows:—

Colour bearer.
Special band of thirty performers.
Great silk banner.
Committee and Organisers.
A symbolic figure representing Joan of Arc.
Local W.S.P.U.'s.—Barnes, Bowes Park, Brixton, Camberwell, Croydon, Chelsea, Forest Gate, Fulham and Putney.
Second band.
Local W.S.P.U.'s.—Kensington, Hammersmith, Hendon, Hornsey, Ilford, Lewisham, Richmond, Streatham, Wimbledon.
Horsewomen.
Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.
Ex-prisoners of the deputation of February 24.
Girls in white carrying flowers.
Third band.
Great silk banner.
Esperance Girls' Club.
Y.H.B.'s.
N.W.S.P.U. members.
Fourth band.
Teachers and Nurses.
Women's Clubs and Professional Women.
General public.
Fifth band.
Carriages.

3 p.m.—March via Oxford Street, Regent Street, Piccadilly Circus, Cockspur Street, Charing Cross, Strand, to the Aldwych Theatre.

4.30 p.m.—GREAT PUBLIC MEETING ALDWYCH THEATRE.

Speaker, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. Chair, Mrs. Pankhurst.
All seats reserved, 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d., from Ticket Secretary,
4, Clements Inn.

FURTHER ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW MR. ASQUITH.

Nine Women Arrested and Sent to Prison for a Month.

Owing to the action of Mr. Asquith in refusing to see a deputation which was appointed from the Women's Parliament on Tuesday, March 30, eleven women were arrested on that day and sent to prison. The remaining members of the deputation determined to make a fresh attempt on the following day to interview the Prime Minister, and, as reported briefly in our columns of last week, nine of them suffered arrest.

They started in a brake from Clements Inn, and at the main entrance to St. Stephen's they got out of the vehicle and attempted to pass through the iron gates in the front of Parliament Square, but these were immediately shut in their faces by the policemen. They then explained that a letter had been sent to Mr. Asquith stating their desire to interview him, but they were not allowed to proceed. The police pushed them away from the gates and flung them into the crowd. Again and again they came forward, and in several cases started to address the people; but the police, acting on instructions from headquarters, repeated the same tactics. This went on for about half an hour, and at length finding the women determined to gain admittance, if possible, into the House of Commons, the police took them into custody.

A number of members of Parliament, among them Mr. Winston Churchill, watched the proceedings from inside the railings. Viscount Middleton was also a spectator. When, after a time, Mr. Churchill came out and walked up Whitehall a member of the Women's Social and Political Union, Miss May Drew, accompanied him for some distance, and discussed with him the Woman Suffrage movement.

At Bow Street.

On the following morning the nine defendants were brought up at Bow Street Police Court. Sir Albert de Rutzen was not present on this occasion, but the cases were heard by Mr. Marsham, who has on several occasions heard cases of the Suffragettes. No charge except that of obstructing the police was preferred against any of the women. Mr. Muskett adopted the same plan as on the previous day, and made no statement in opening the case, but called directly upon Superintendent Wells, who said that the disturbances lasted, roughly, from ten minutes past four to half-past five, and that a crowd of several hundred persons congregated. He stated that the footway was blocked and the carriage-way was obstructed part of the time, that the police found it necessary to make arrests owing to the continuance of the disorder, and that reserves were called out, both foot and mounted, but that no serious accident of any kind occurred.

Evidence was then given against Mrs. Reinold by an inspector of the A division, who said that she had seized him and said to him, "To the Prime Minister, please," and attempted to drag him along. Mrs. Reinold did not question the police evidence, but maintained that she had a constitutional right to see the Prime Minister.

Mr. Marsham: You have no right to force yourself on the Prime Minister if he does not want to see you. I do not suppose it would do much good if he did see you.

Mrs. Reinold: Mr. Asquith is our servant, and he ought to see us.

Mr. Marsham then endeavoured to persuade the prisoner to give an undertaking not to repeat the offence. This she refused to do, saying, "I cannot be bound over."

Mr. Marsham: I am sorry to have to send you to prison, but as you refuse to be bound over I have no other alternative.

The sentence was one surety of £20 for three months, or one month's imprisonment. Mrs. Reinold chose to go to prison for one month.

Against Miss Broughton, of Liverpool, it was alleged that she caught hold of the policeman and refused to go away. In reply, Miss Broughton stated that she had been commissioned by the Women's Parliament to present a petition to Mr. Asquith. It was the right of the subject in the old days to present a petition to the King, and nowadays the kingly functions had devolved on the Prime Minister. She therefore considered she had a right to go to Mr. Asquith.

The magistrate said: It would be no good if you did see the Prime Minister. She also received one month's imprisonment in default of finding sureties.

Mrs. Hilton, of Liverpool, was next placed in the dock. After the evidence against her had been given, the magistrate asked her whether she had considered the point carefully about being bound over. She replied, "yes," and received the same sentence as the previous prisoners.

Miss Streetfield said that she had acted as she did in order to obtain protection—the protection of the vote. She demanded, if sent to prison, to be placed in the first division. The magistrate refused, saying, "It is utterly folly acting as you do; you are not furthering your cause, you are only setting the people against you." To this Miss Streetfield replied, "No, sir, I do not think so."

Miss Binnie said that she was determined that Mr. Asquith should see them face to face.

Mrs. Wiseman said: I am a woman of over fifty years, and for a great portion of that time I have had a very strong bitterness against the position of women as assigned to them by men, and this is the expression of that opinion. I find in this political movement that which is likely to make men understand what we feel about this matter. We are here to obtain equal rights with men, and we will never cease our efforts until we obtain them.

Miss Feek said: No one in this Court desires to obey law and order more than I do, but I felt it necessary to protest against the continuance of the position of women. The Government is setting itself up against the ardent desire for freedom; it is no use shutting up this sort of thing in a prison.

Mrs. Eates said: I was there for a political purpose; political prisoners should not be charged in a police court. The whole world knows we go for a political object. To this Mr. Marsham replied, You are charged with obstructing the police.

The other prisoners did not make any remarks. All of them refused to be bound over, and accepted the alternative of one month's imprisonment in the second division, which was the common fate.

Miss Norah Binnie joined the London City W.S.P.U. last May, and was one of Miss Sylvia Pankhurst's helpers when organising the Chelsea procession in June. She is the youngest daughter of Sir Alexander Binnie, civil engineer.

Miss Broughton became a student of social and political questions under Dr. C. F. Aked. She is deeply interested in temperance work, having worked for the British Women's Temperance Association and other temperance bodies. She is Secretary to the Pembroke Social Reform League and President of the newly formed Liverpool Women Workers' Federation.

Mrs. Louise M. Eates acted as Honorary Secretary to the Investigation Committee of the Women's Industrial Council, and did valuable work under the late Mrs. Oakeshott. She joined the W.S.P.U. in May, 1906, since when she has been one of the most earnest of workers. Mrs. Eates is the energetic Hon. Secretary of the Kensington W.S.P.U., and is untiring in her efforts for the furtherance of our movement.

Miss Florence Feek, a Liberal on strike, has always been a Suffragist, and became a member of the W.S.P.U. after hearing Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence speak in Hampstead two years ago. Miss Feek has done a good deal of social work among women and girls, and experience has confirmed her in the belief that much of it under present economic conditions must fail. She is spending her annual holiday in militant action for the movement.

Mrs. Hilton has never formerly been associated with any Woman's Suffrage society. She was converted to the W.S.P.U. at the Liverpool meeting at the Sun Hall when Miss Christabel Pankhurst spoke, and determined that she would take part in militant action forthwith.

Mrs. Reinold is the daughter of Sir Francis Lely, the Parliamentary candidate for one of the Kent divisions.

Miss Selina Martin was a member of the deputation last October. So convinced is she of the efficacy of militant action that she volunteered to represent Liverpool in the deputation of March 30.

Miss Kathleen Streetfield comes of a military family, and is the great granddaughter of Henry Streetfield, Esq., of Chiddingstone, Kent, High Sheriff for the county in 1772. Two of her uncles were distinguished in the Indian Mutiny. Miss Streetfield is an artist; she was educated at the Elsie School and the Crystal Palace School of Art. She has exhibited at various London picture exhibitions.

Mrs. Wiseman is a working woman. She told the magistrate in the dock, when she was charged, that she had all her life been, from her earliest days, filled with a sense of the injustice of the position of women in this country, and that she was proud to be in a position to help the cause in a practical way.

THE CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES.

Office: 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

This week we are, of course, concentrating all our energies on the welcome to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Holloway Gates on April 16, and the great procession from Hyde Park (Marble Arch) to the Aldwych Theatre on the following day, April 17. The arrangement of the procession necessitates energetic work, and with its bands, and horsed contingent, its display of the colours, and, most of all, our well-loved treasurer, committee, organisers, members, and others, it promises to be exceedingly effective. Miss Margaret Cameron is organising the London campaign, and is concentrating on the district round the Marble Arch and along the route.

In Marylebone Miss L. Ainsworth and Miss McClelland are assisting Miss Genie Sheppard in carrying on an active campaign. A great number of open-air meetings are to be held, and the shops are being canvassed with very successful results.

In Paddington Miss Dallas and Miss E. Mills are working in the same effective way. Miss Corson and Miss Hewitt are actively engaged in the districts beyond Bayswater towards Shepherd's Bush. Several ladies, including Mrs. Hylton Dale, Mrs. de Lacey, the Misses L. Lawless, D. Dugdale, Ayrton, and Carwin are approaching the shops along the route in order to persuade the proprietors to show our colours on the day of the procession. We should be very glad indeed if others willing to help in the same way would send in their names to Miss Cameron at 4, Clements Inn.

The local Unions have been circularised, and we hope to have a good muster of their members as a result.

With regard to the actual release, which takes place on the day previous, Friday, April 16, we want to have as many friends as possible at the prison gates. As the treasurer may be released a little before 8, we recommend them to be there soon after 7.30 a.m. After the welcome has been given, everyone who is able will proceed to the breakfast at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, which takes place at 9 o'clock. Members must make their own arrangements either to drive or go by train from Caledonian Road Tube Station to Piccadilly Circus. A few tickets for the breakfast are still available, price 2s. each.

Albert Hall Meeting.—Members willing to act as stewards at the great meeting on the 29th are asked to send in their names at once to Miss Hambling. Help in this capacity is greatly needed.

The Boat Race.—An effective display in a steam launch was made to the great crowds that watched the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race last Saturday, while helpers along the banks did a brisk sale in literature. Full particulars will be found on page 530.

The Drum and File Band is working energetically. There are still a few vacancies to be filled. Intending volunteers should note that it is necessary to give three nights a week for practice. All inquiries to be addressed to Miss Jessie Kenney.

Questioning Cabinet Ministers.—Two opportunities occurred during the past week: Mr. Asquith was questioned as to his intentions, and Mr. Haldane was addressed personally and through the megaphone. See page 530.

The At Homes.—There will be no At Home next Monday, April 12 (Bank Holiday), nor on Thursday, the 15th.

Jessie Kenney.

WEST OF ENGLAND.

Shop and Committee Rooms.—37, Queen's Road (opposite Art Gallery), Clifton. Open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

At Homes.—Bristol: Victoria Rooms, every Monday, 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Stokes Croft: Assembly Rooms, meeting every Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Bath: Beau Nash Rooms, every Saturday, 3.30 p.m.

Weston-super-Mare: North Street Hall, every Monday, 3.30 p.m.

Important Events.—April 22, Bath, Guildhall, 3 o'clock; speakers, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Lady C. Lytton. Tickets, 2s., 1s., 6d.

April 30, Bristol, Victoria Rooms, 8 o'clock; speakers,

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Lady C. Lytton. Tickets, 2s. 6d., 1s., 6d.

The great feature of the Bristol work last week was the lecture given by Miss Elizabeth Robins in the small Victoria Room. We had a fine and an enthusiastic audience, and much good has been done by Miss Robins's visit to Bristol. Many people have been asking if the lecture was going to be printed. We want to thank Miss Robins for giving us this help in our Bristol work.

The next interesting feature has been the removal to our new offices. In place of the one shop we have a much larger shop, a voluntary workers' room, and a secretary's room. Mrs. Baldock has been invaluable in this work. The work in Mr. Birrell's constituency has been going on, and many meetings have been held.

We are now starting the work for the big meeting on April 30, when Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Lady Constance Lytton are going to speak in the big Victoria Rooms, Clifton. Mrs. Dove Wilcox has promised to be chief organiser for the meeting, and give all her time to Bristol organisation. That will leave me freer to develop work in Cardiff and other parts of the country. The weekly At Homes are not being held on Easter Monday, April 12, nor Monday, April 19, but will commence again on Monday, April 26. We have stopped the evening indoor meetings, and after Easter open-air meetings will be held in their place.

I am glad to report that Bath is going ahead. The local members have set to work splendidly to make the meeting on April 22 a great success. The market stall is opened every Saturday. The At Homes are going on, and last Saturday Mrs. Everett, of Windsor, was

speaking. Her address was greatly appreciated. There will be no At Home on Saturday, April 10, but the following Saturday the At Home will be held as usual in Bath. I have sent to the Treasurer, collection, Victoria Rooms, Bath, £1 3s. 4d.; collection, Assembly Room, 3s.; collection, Mrs. Hicking's meeting, 3s.

Miss Baker, a Bristol member, has promised a banner in honour of the Bristol women who have suffered imprisonment. We are very glad of this splendid offer.

Weston-super-Mare and District.—Two very successful meetings were held in Clevedon on Friday last. The At Home in the afternoon was for women only, and the hall was packed. The women (most of whom had never thought about the matter before) were keenly interested, and were anxious for us to have another meeting later on. The Public Hall in the evening was packed to overflowing, and the audience was most enthusiastic. The weekly At Home in Weston was exceptionally good this week, and Miss Hcwey has kindly promised to speak for us this week, and we expect a packed meeting. Miss Blathwayte came to spend a few days with me this week, and was a great help in working up the meetings. Help is still urgently needed for the stall at the Exhibition. Miss Edith Ford has promised goods to the value of 30s. This week I am sending to the Treasurer, Weston-super-Mare collections, 9s.; Clevedon collections, £2 0s. 7½d.; subscription from Miss Edith Ford, 3s.; total, £2 12s. 7½d.

[VERA WENTWORTH.]

Plymouth and Torquay.

"Votes for Women" Shop.—Victoria Parade, Torquay.

At Homes.—Plymouth: Royal Hotel, First Friday in every month, 4 to 6 p.m.
Torquay: Swiss Café, Victoria Parade, second and fourth Thursday, 4 to 6 p.m.
Paignton: Garston Hotel, second Tuesday in month, 3 p.m.

Our At Home at Plymouth last Friday was well attended, and at the close those members who were present handed in their promise cards for the Exhibition.

Our offices in Torquay are still a great centre of attraction, and the sale of literature and colours is most satisfactory. I am sending the Treasurer £1 from Miss M. Baker towards furnishing, and 9s., Plymouth collection. More volunteers are needed to push the sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN. Miss Bowker has found a newsagent at Marychurch who will display our poster every week. Miss Mills and I are arranging open-air meetings next week at Brixham and Dartmouth to catch the holiday crowds.

[E. N. HOWE.]

Annie Kenney.

LANCASHIRE.

Headquarters.—Manchester, 164, Oxford Road.

Local Offices.—Preston, 41, Glover's Court.

Rochdale, 84, Yorkshire Street.

At Homes.—Manchester: Memorial Hall, Albert Square, Tuesday, 3-5;

Onward Buildings, Deansgate, Fridays, 8-10.

Liverpool: Engineers' Rooms, 48, Mount Pleasant, Tuesdays, 8-10.

Preston: Glover's Court, Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m.

Rochdale: 84, Yorkshire Street, Saturdays, 7.30 p.m.

Southport: Assembly Rooms, Cambridge Hall, Saturdays, 3 p.m.

Events have moved fast during the past week, and the Government's studied insolence to the Lancashire deputation will only serve still further to discredit the Government in the eyes of all who believe, and will, that justice shall prevail. We will fight all the harder!

Manchester.—The chief event of the week here in the propaganda line has been the commencement of our afternoon series of "At Homes," which we hope very shortly (backed by the love and service of members) to develop into a small "Queen's Hall" gathering! The first of the series was honoured by the presence of Mr. Forbes Robertson, who naturally enough drew a large audience—an audience which became most enthusiastic as Mr. Robertson's inspiring address proceeded.

This week we are having Miss Isabel Seymour from London, and locally we are bidding a sort of official good-bye to that splendid fellow-worker Dr. Letitia Fairfield, who is shortly to leave Manchester to take up duties elsewhere. Members will see that with this removal, and with other regular workers in prison for the cause, I must depend more and more upon new recruits, of whom I cannot possibly welcome too many. The immediate practical need is to get the afternoon "At Homes" just as well known as the evening ones; and as the financial outlay is heavy there is even more necessity for genuine hard work in this connection.

On Wednesday last week Miss Lillian Williamson represented the Union at a most successful meeting in Wardle, near Rochdale. Thursday was chosen for a splendid protest meeting in connection with the Manchester prisoners in Stevenson Square.

The usual "At Home" was held in the Portico Library, Mr. Councillor Johnson, Miss Lillian Williamson, and Miss Jessie Russell being the speakers.

"Votes for Women" Week.—The plans arranged by Miss Clarkson for VOTES FOR WOMEN week were quickly acted upon, members promising to be responsible for definite numbers of copies on a "no return" system. Miss Clarkson hopes to be able to establish a regular 1,000 a week sale shortly in Manchester, and this week's work makes a good beginning.

Exhibition and Sale of Work.—Now that so little time is left it has been thought best to let a small committee be responsible for carrying arrangements through in respect of the Manchester stall in conjunction with the Exhibition Secretary at headquarters. In Manchester this committee consists of Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Orchard,

Mrs. Tolson, Miss H. Russell, and Miss A. Hyde (secretary), and I hope next week to report similar small groups in connection with Southport and Liverpool. Miss Mary Phillips tells below some of the Liverpool Bazaar activities to date.

Liverpool.—We have been in the midst of our special VOTES FOR WOMEN week, which we postponed on account of the campaign of meetings for Mrs. Pankhurst. We should be glad to hear of new volunteers, both for street selling and for disposing of copies amongst friends. Don't forget, members who are going on holiday, that no holiday outfit is complete without twenty-five, fifty, or a hundred VOTES FOR WOMEN to sell or present while you are away! Applications to be made to Mrs. Myer, 36, Oxford Street, Liverpool.

Also, if you take fancy work with you, let it be in the colours, and suitable for the Exhibition. It is important that Exhibition premise cards should be sent to Miss Stephenson, Ashbourne, Queen's Drive, Walton, as soon as possible.

We appreciate very deeply the noble deeds of our comrades who are now so wrongly and unjustly imprisoned in Holloway. We must give them a rousing welcome when they return, especially Miss Patricia Woodcock, who has received the heavy sentence of three months.

We held a largely attended protest meeting at Wellington Column on Friday night, at which several ex-prisoners took part. The sympathy of the crowd was very evident.

No "At Homes" will be held next week, on account of the Easter holidays.

Formby.—The first suffrage meeting ever held in Formby took place last week. The Rev. Father Carr very kindly presided, and I spoke. The hall was filled, in spite of bad weather.

[MARY PHILLIPS.]

Preston and Rochdale have been busy with VOTES FOR WOMEN week activities, and hope next to concentrate on bazaar matters.

Southport was visited by Miss Edith Drummond on the occasion of the last "At Home," and this week Mrs. Duncan is the speaker.

Morecambe—Teachers' Conference.—I am already in receipt of offers of assistance from teacher visitors to Morecambe during Conference week, and anticipate a useful week therefore. Teachers, friends, and members alike may write me at the Post Office, Morecambe, from Easter Monday to Thursday inclusive.

Financial Report (to time of writing).—"At Home" Collection, March 30, £5 9s. 3d.; Members' Guarantee Fund, £1 12s. 6d.; "At Home," April 2, 14s. 10d.; Mrs. C. Hilton, 10s.; Liverpool "At Home" collections per Mrs. Farrer, March 2, 7s. 6d.; 9th, 6s. 5d.; 16th, 14s. 9d.; 23rd, 9s. 8d.; 30th, 5s. 9d.; total £2 4s. 2d. Full total, £10 10s. 10d.

Received up to March 29:—"At Home" collection, 9s. 5d.; per Miss Crookford, 10s.; per Mrs. McLaughlin, £2 7s.; Mr. Hesse, £2 2s.; Miss Graham, 2s. 6d.; "Three Times in Prison," 10s.; Miss Tolson, £1; Mrs. Tobler, £1 1s.; sent to London, £8 1s. 11d.

Mary E. Gawthorpe.

MIDLANDS.

Offices and Committee Rooms: 14, Ethel Street, Birmingham.

At Homes.—Birmingham: Midland Hotel, Tuesdays, 3-10;

Priory Rooms, Old Square, Tuesdays, 7-10.

Wolverhampton: St. Peter's Institute, Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

Important Future Event.—Birmingham Town Hall, May 7, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

Last week three of our Midland members joined the deputation on March 30—Miss Kate Noblett, Miss Margaret Smith, and Miss Feek, of Pershore. I have received a letter from Miss Lettice Floyd this morning saying that she wishes to give a donation of £4 4s. to show in a practical manner her gratitude to the two Birmingham women she knew who volunteered from the Midlands.

Two visits from Cabinet Ministers, one at Wolverhampton and one at Stoke-on-Trent, have kept us busy, and on both occasions we were able to make effective protests. (Full particulars will be found on page 530.) Miss Muriel Roberts, who has recently served a term of one month's imprisonment, told us at the "At Home" on Tuesday last week her experiences in connection with being arrested and imprisoned. Miss Hazel dealt with the reasons why women want a vote, and interested us very much.

Tickets for the Town Hall meeting on May 7 may be obtained from Miss Freeth at 14, Ethel Street. Prices, 2s. 6d., 1s. reserved, 6d. unreserved (women only).

The Men's League, to which I have referred before, has now become an established fact, and for further details letters should be addressed to A. W. Evans, Esq., 532, Moseley Road.

Literature.—Our literature secretary, Mrs. Edwards, reports that during the last quarter we have sold over £25 worth of literature. This is very satisfactory for a start; we look forward to doing even greater things in the future. We are now directing our energies to increasing the circulation of our newspaper. Will everyone please take her share?

Exhibition.—It is now quite decided to have a second Midland stall. The first Midland stall is being entirely organised by the local W.S.P.U. of Birmingham. Mrs. Salway is kindly acting as secretary and Dr. Helena Jones as treasurer. For details of its progress please see the Birmingham report in local notes. The second stall will be made up of contributions from Wolverhampton, Malvern, Walsall, Coventry, Berkswell, etc. We are grateful to Mrs. Kerwood for taking charge of this second stall. Miss Kate Berkeley is assisting her.

Sparkhill.—A second meeting has been held in Mr. Austen Chamberlain's constituency, this time at Sparkhill. It was organised in the most admirable manner by Miss Saxelby, and the large room was crowded to its utmost capacity. The audience was intensely sympathetic and enthusiastic, and three cheers were given as we left the building, and we willingly agreed to come again. Miss Saxelby is now making arrangements for open-air meetings. We mean to plant our flag firmly in this neighbourhood.

Erdington.—Miss Kerry, who is captain of Erdington, reports very satisfactory progress here. Several small meetings have been held, all of which have been successful. On Tuesday, April 6, Mrs. Abbott very kindly gave a drawing-room meeting, at which Mrs. Davis spoke. On Sunday, April 11, Miss Garner, B.A., will speak in the Labour Church, Erdington. The subject of her speech will be "As it was in the Beginning." Will all members please make a special point of being there? Miss Kerry is now in Belgium, where she will hold some Votes for Women meetings. One of our Midland members, Mrs. Burman, has already held a meeting in Bruges.

Financial Report.—Coventry tickets, £15 0s. 3d.; collection, Sparkhill, £1 1s.; withdrawn from Clergy Pension Fund, £2; Miss Lettice Floyd, £4 4s.; extra tickets, £2 8s. 9d.; Organiser Fund, Mrs. Parker, £2; total, £25 13s. All communications should be addressed to me at 49, Bristol Street.

Gladice G. Keevil.

NEWCASTLE.

Headquarters.—38, Rye Hill.

At Homes.—Crosby's Café, Northumberland Street, Wednesdays, 3-5 and 8-10.

A great deal of work for the Exhibition has been done during the past week. At the "At Home" on Wednesday last week plans were made during the afternoon for working for the Exhibition and advertising and selling tickets for Mr. Forbes Robertson's meeting.

In the evening Mrs. Atkinson and Miss New spoke, dealing chiefly with militant action and the increasing necessity for it. Indignation and sympathy were freely expressed by the audience at the tale of the newest developments in London. Special appeals are made for articles for the Newcastle stall, also for people willing to dress dolls, of which there are still a great number at 38, Rye Hill. It is suggested that during the Easter holiday a great deal can be done.

There will be no "At Home" on Wednesday, April 14, but they will be resumed on April 21. Four new members were added to the ranks on Wednesday, and there are many more in prospect. We wish to remind members that speaking for open-air work will be greatly in demand after Easter, and we shall be very glad to receive the names of volunteers.

We wish to remind members who will be in or near London on April 16 that Mrs. Pethick Lawrence is to be released from prison on that date. It is fortunate this comes in holiday time so that those who cannot go at other times can have the opportunity of welcoming our Treasurer on her release.

If there are any contributions to the presentation to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence which members or friends wish sent through Newcastle Union we shall be delighted to have them during the week. The organiser's holiday begins on April 8, and she will be absent from Newcastle till April 20. During this time please address local inquiries to Miss Brown, 4, Wentworth Place, Newcastle, or to Miss New, N.W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, London.

Edith New.

YORKSHIRE.

Headquarters.—Bradford: 68, Manningham Lane.

Important Events.—Leeds: Miss E. Robins, Philosophical Hall, Tuesday, April 27, at 8 p.m.

Bradford: Miss E. Robins, Saloon, Mechanics' Institute, Wednesday, April 23, at 8 p.m.

This week has been chiefly devoted to working for Miss Christabel Pankhurst's meeting in St. George's Hall on Wednesday. On Saturday (3rd) we had a wagonette decorated in the colours, and covered with placards to advertise the meeting. I drove, and we went all over the town, and aroused a great deal of interest.

After Easter we are changing our headquarters to No. 68, Manningham Lane, Bradford. We have felt for some time that a shop would be better than our present office, and, fortunately, a few days ago we managed to find a suitable one at a reasonable rent. Our landlord has since remarked that he considers women fitted for the vote because we managed to get his premises at seven pounds reduction.

I want to appeal to Yorkshire members for money to paint and paper the shop, and also for linoleum for the floor. We want chairs, tables, a desk, cupboards, curtains, etc., and I shall be glad to hear from any sympathiser of help towards the furnishing. We shall open our new shop on Tuesday, April 20, and I hope to have had all the furniture given by that date. I have already received money for this purpose from Mrs. Lund and Mrs. Beldon.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Clarke and Miss Crocker held a meeting in Morley Street, Bradford, and sold a number of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Future Meetings.—Miss Elizabeth Robins will lecture in the Philosophical Hall, Leeds, on "Shall Women Work?" on Tuesday, April 27, and in the saloon of the Mechanics' Institute, Bradford, on Wednesday, April 28. Tickets, 1s. and 6d.

Exhibition.—We have received many promises for the Yorkshire stall. I hope members will work their hardest from now until the Exhibition, as we want our stall to be one of the most attractive of all.

Easter Announcements.—There will be no meetings during the Easter holidays. In Bradford a meeting will be held in the new office on Monday, April 19, at 8 p.m. In Leeds we shall meet in the Arts Club on Wednesday, April 21, at 8 p.m. prompt. I hope all those members who are anxious to come out as speakers during the spring and summer will endeavour to be present, as we shall devote part of the time to a speakers' class.

Financial Report.—Mrs. Lund and Mrs. Homersham, of Bradford, and Mrs. Knox, of Keighley, kindly paid for the advertising carriage. I have received 5s. from Mrs. Lund and 2s. 6d. from Mrs. Beldon towards the shop fund.

This week I have sent the Treasurer £4 12s. 6d. (ticket money Coliseum meeting), £1 1s. from Miss Bereford, 2s. from Miss Kemp, 1s. 6d. Miss Symes.

All communications should now be addressed to me at 68, Manningham Lane, Bradford.

C. A. L. Marsh.

SCOTLAND. Glasgow.

Office: 141, Bath Street.

At Homes.—141, Bath Street, Friday, 8 p.m.
141, Bath Street, Saturday, 3 p.m.

Important Event.—Athenaeum, Tuesday, April 20, at 3 p.m.,
Mr. Forbes Robertson, Miss Adela Pankhurst.

The arrangements for the Athenaeum meeting are now completed. We shall be very glad to have the help of members in making this meeting known in the districts round Glasgow, as many people who find difficulty in getting back after evening meetings will find this time very convenient. Tickets, price 2s. (reserved), 1s., and 6d., and bills for distribution may now be obtained from 141, Bath Street.

During the week of Mr. Forbes Robertson's visit it has been decided to arrange a theatre party, most probably for Thursday, April 22. A good many names have already been given in, and we should be glad if all those who would like to join would communicate with Miss Burnet (at 141, Bath Street), who has kindly undertaken the arrangements.

There will be no At Homes on Friday, April 9; Saturday, April 10; and Friday, April 16 owing to the Easter holidays, but we hope to see everyone again on Saturday, April 17, when we shall be able to make known some of the announcements for May.

During the next two months we shall be deprived of one of our most constant workers. Miss Levenson, who has given her services to the office every afternoon since September, and whose assistance has been simply invaluable. Miss Melville has kindly stepped into the breach, and will help with the secretarial work during the spring.

The work for the Exhibition is going on steadily, but we should be very glad to hear a little more definitely what we may expect from our members as soon as they are able to give us the information. The following promises have been received:—Goods to the value of £5, Mrs. Hunter; of £7, Mrs. Turner; of £1, Mrs. Jones; of £2 2s., the Misses Hopkins. A large number of promises of work have been received from members, of which the amount is at present uncertain.

G. M. Conolan.

Edinburgh.

Shop: 100, Hanover Street.

Social Meeting.—Ardmillan Hall, Dalry, alternate Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

At Homes.—Society of Arts Hall, 117, George Street, Thursdays, 3.30 p.m.;
Marshall Street Hall, Thursdays, 8 p.m.

On Thursday, April 1, we held our last afternoon and evening At Homes before the Easter recess. Miss Conolan was our speaker, and in both cases had a delighted and interested audience. Will our friends please note that a fresh series will begin on Thursday, April 29; as usual, in the afternoon, at 117, George Street, and, in the evening, at the Marshall Street Hall?

We must all of us do our best to make Mr. Forbes Robertson's meeting in the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, April 14, at 3 p.m., a great success. Tickets (2s. 6d. and 1s.) can be obtained at 100, Hanover Street, or next door in: the shop is closed. Those who wish to attend the theatre in the evening are asked to communicate with Miss Maule, Juniper Green.

The social meeting arranged by Miss Haig at Dalry on Wednesday, March 31, was a great success. Mrs. Maxtone-Graham made a delightful little speech from the chair, while Mrs. Tod's three charming songs gave the evening quite a festive character. Many of the audience—busy, hardworking people—expressed their willingness to come over to East Edinburgh in their spare time to help us with the bye-election.

Mrs. Maxtone-Graham reports steady progress with our exhibition stall, upwards of £40 in promises of goods having been received. But she is very anxious to get a great deal more before the Easter holidays disperse the workers. Will all those who can help the cause in this way communicate with her at 4, Eton Terrace?

We are in urgent need of helpers for the bye-election work. Will all those who can spare time come to our Committee Rooms at 64, Montrose Terrace (close to the Abbey Church), where Miss Haig will be very glad to set them to work.

Florence E. M. Macaulay.

Aberdeen.

Office: Crown Mansions, 41½, Union Street.

At Homes.—April 26, Y.M.C.A. Hall, Miss Mary Gawthorpe, 3.30.

Workers' Meeting each Wednesday at 41½, Union Street, at 8 p.m.

In view of Miss Gawthorpe's visit on April 26, we have started an open-air campaign.

On Thursday night last week a very large gathering was addressed

at the Wallace Statue. About 1,000 people were present. Much sympathy was expressed for the women who went to prison.

On Friday we held an excellent open-air meeting for farmers at Exchange Street at 2.30, and at 3.45 another in Castle Street, at which we spoke to a good crowd of women doing their marketing.

A chalkers' brigade has been formed under the leadership of Mrs. Bell. Chalking is done in the early morning, and members are requested to find out what meetings we are holding by calling at the office and to chalk their own districts.

For the future members will be asked to do special work by means of postcards, so that those who cannot attend the workers' meetings need not drop out.

The At Home in 41½, Union Street, on Tuesday last week, was very successful, in spite of the bad weather. We discussed the way to dispose of VOTES FOR WOMEN, and Misses Williams, Miss Rae, and Miss Dun took a list of names of people on whom they would call with a view to obtaining regular subscribers. It was also decided to call upon the teachers and shop assistants and ask them to take regular shop or school copies, and keep in touch with our movement in this way. As a result of our "At Home," we have already got four newsagents to stock VOTES FOR WOMEN. We have been told by a newsagent in Schoolhill that he now sells a considerable number of copies weekly, since we started holding open-air meetings in his district.

Stonehaven.—Since our last successful meeting there we arranged an At Home, which took place on Tuesday, April 6, in the Bay View Hotel. Mrs. Taylor, of Stonehaven, very kindly helped Miss Flatman to arrange this.

Banchory.—By the kindness of Mrs. Elworthy in arranging it, and of Dr. Lawson in giving his permission, I addressed the patients in the Banchory Sanatorium on Thursday, April 8. We are arranging a meeting in Banchory on May 8.

Inverurie.—Miss Ogston and I addressed a meeting of farmers in Inverurie Market on Thursday last week, and we arranged a meeting in the Town Hall for Wednesday, April 7. I have sent to the Treasurer this week £2 2s. from Mr. Riddell, £3 3s. from Mrs. Riddell, 10s. from Miss Rae, 5s. from Mrs. Keith, £1 from Miss Beedie; Inverurie farmers, 1s. Postage fund, 1s.

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LOCAL NOTES.

Birmingham W.S.P.U.—In Birmingham and the Midlands the members and friends continue to pour in their gifts for the Exhibition stall, and the earnest workers continue to work for it with enthusiasm. Mrs. Calway reports the following promises of contributions, which she has received this week, viz.—Miss Benson, inlaid woodwork; Mrs. Brewster, 12s. worth of scent satchets; Mrs. Watson (per Dr. Helena Jones), 15s. worth of lavender satchets; and Mrs. M. Barnard, £1 worth of goods. Will workers kindly note that the next stall meeting will be held at No. 14, Ethel Street, Birmingham, on Monday, April 12, at 7.30 p.m. All communications relating to the Exhibition should be addressed to Mrs. E. Kerwood, Watling House, Barnet Green, near Birmingham, and Mrs. Lucy Calway, 125, Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham, the joint secretaries for the Exhibition.

ELIZABETH REDFERN, Hon. Sec.

Bowes W.S.P.U.—Miss Tolson (now in Holloway) and Miss Hewitt, of Manchester, made good use of their time last week. Unable to hold an open-air meeting on account of severe weather, they attended an indoor lecture, and during the discussion proved splendidly the reason and logic of the Union's position.

Brighton and Hove W.S.P.U.—Our weekly meeting in our offices on Friday last was well attended. Miss Denly and Miss Andrews gave their bye-election experiences at Croydon. On Saturday, 3rd, our open-air meeting on the Front attracted a large number of people. We took up a collection and sold a good many VOTES FOR WOMEN. Miss Decima Moore, Actress's Franchise League, was one of the audience, and was most kind coming and helping us to sell VOTES FOR WOMEN amongst the crowd. There will be no meeting on Friday evening, 9th (Good Friday). Open-air meetings will go on as usual—Wednesday and Saturday. We hope in Easter Week, with the exception of Monday, to hold open-air meetings nearly every afternoon on the Front, 2.45 p.m.; also outdoor evening meetings. Time and place of these latter to be seen at office, 8, North Street, Quadrant. J. G. MCKEOWN.

Camberwell and Peckham W.S.P.U.—A meeting of the above newly formed Union was held at the Samuel Bowley Coffee Tavern, 74, Peckham Rye, on Wednesday, March 31. A keenly interested audience listened to Miss Annie Ainsworth, who gave us her impressions of Holloway. New members were enrolled. The next gathering will be held at the same place, at 8 o'clock, on Wednesday, April 14, when all members and friends are invited. It is suggested that on this evening members should bring Exhibition work. C. DAWSON.

Chiswick W.S.P.U.—We were busy on Saturday last amongst the Boat-race crowds, selling VOTES FOR WOMEN and giving out handbills. Our corps was received with many encouraging remarks from numberless people. One or two told us good humouredly they were "antis," but we found our bills taken very readily. On Monday last Miss Dugdale spoke at a suffrage tea that Mrs. Bergh kindly gave. This brought us more recruits. The news-agents report that the sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN is steadily increasing every week. M. COOMES.

Hendon W.S.P.U.—All sympathisers in the Hendon district are invited to join in the processions on Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17, behind the Hendon banner. Will they, if possible, communicate with Mrs. Wyatt, Derby House, who will give full particulars of our local arrangements. There will be a brake at the release in the early morning. We hope to have a large contingent. FRANCES V. CREATON.

Hornsey W.S.P.U.—Our whist drive on Saturday, April 3, on behalf of our Exhibition fund left us with a net profit of £3 16s. 3d. Some of our members presented the prizes, and Mrs. Law gave us 15s. towards the expenses and 5s. for general local expenses. Miss Irene Spong and Miss Margaret Bonwick sang solos and a duet during the interval, when I also took the opportunity of saying a few words. Our next meeting-place will be under the Hornsey banner in the procession at 2.30 from Marble Arch on Saturday, April 17. Will all members kindly keep that day free, and bring as many friends to walk with them as possible? All Hornsey members are asked to make a special effort to keep the evening of Friday, April 23, free for an important members' meeting at "Ye China Cup," Park Road, when we hope to discuss and arrange for our spring and summer campaign. THEODORA BONWICK.

Hull W.S.P.U.—VOTES FOR WOMEN was again brought before the footballers on Saturday afternoon, Miss Little and I being the saleswomen. We are urgently in need of recruits for this work. Any members willing to help should communicate with me at 14, Welbeck Street, Hull. We hope to send an account of Mrs. Clarke's visit to Hull next week. M. HARRISON.

Kensington W.S.P.U.—Arrangements are already being made to celebrate the release of our brave hon. secretary, Mrs. Eates. The weekly At Home, on Wednesday, May 5, will be held in the Kensington Town Hall, instead of at Albert Lodge, at 3.30 p.m., when a presentation will be made to Mrs. Eates. For this purpose I should be glad to receive any contributions, however small, which should be sent to me at the VOTES FOR WOMEN Shop, 143, Church Street, Kensington. No At Home will be held on Wednesdays, April 14 or 21; the date of the next will be April 28. The shop will be closed for the Easter holiday from 6 p.m. on Thursday, 8th, till 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 13th. Preparations are being made for working up the district for the procession on April 17, and for the Albert Hall meeting on April 29. Will all who can help with open-air meetings, canvassing, chalking, etc., please come or write to the shop? The best tribute that we can pay to Mrs. Eates during her absence is to work our hardest. EVELYN MORRISON, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.).

Lewisham W.S.P.U.—On Sunday Mrs. McKenzie and Miss C. Townsend addressed a large meeting on Blackheath. A social will be held on April 22 at Avenue House, Lewisham. Members and friends are urged to do their utmost to make it a success. A charge of sixpence will be made for admission. (Mrs.) LIZZIE MCKENZIE.

Nottingham W.S.P.U.—A well-attended members' meeting was held at Morley's Café on the evening of Tuesday, March 30, when the following sewing meetings (for our Exhibition stall) were arranged:—April 20—Mrs. Johnson, 10, Patrick Road, West Bridgford; April 22—Mrs. Shepherd, Cyprus Road; and April 23—Mrs. Langford, The Chestnuts, Mapperley Hill; time, 3 to 7. Help of all kinds is urgently needed, and friends are asked to note that work will be provided for them, and that all attending are asked to pay sixpence each for tea, thus helping with our Exhibition work expenses. The next speakers' class will be held at Mrs. Simons, 25, Zilla Road, on Thursday, April 15, at 7.30. On the conclusion of these arrangements Mrs. Archer (in the chair) spoke, being followed by Miss Watts, who described some of her Holloway experiences. The financial statement of Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting on March 26 is held over. We are hoping to arrange for a lantern lecture on April 26, when Miss Watts will speak on her prison life to a wider audience. H. K. W., pro C. M. BURGIS, Hon. Sec.

Putney and Fulham W.S.P.U.—Our advertising secretary, Mrs. Cullene, is making known the procession on April 17, the Albert Hall meeting, and the Exhibition, and already over 1,200 handbills have been distributed. Open-air meetings will be held on Thursdays, April 8 and 15, at 12 o'clock, in Walham Green and Putney. Mrs. Everett, of 3, Oxford Road, Putney, has again kindly promised the use of her drawing-room for meetings on the same dates, from 3 to 5 p.m. Mrs. Penn-Gaskell will be the speaker at both meetings this week. At the meeting held last Thursday the room was packed, and many strangers were present. At the evening meeting next day our treasurer raised the necessary sum for a large banner in less time than she could write down the amounts. Mrs. Gilharrat has promised a purse in the colours as one of the whist-drive prizes, and we shall be glad to hear from anyone who will give a prize or help with the refreshments. Please return all unsold tickets before April 16, as the whist-drive takes place on April 20. The Exhibition secretary will be glad to receive all completed articles at the next drawing-room meeting. If unable to be present, please send care of Mrs. Everett, 3, Oxford Road, Putney. Will all Putney and Fulham sympathisers, both men and women, kindly rally round our banner on Saturday, April 17, as we want as strong a contingent as possible? L. CUTTEN, Hon. Sec.

Stoke-on-Trent W.S.P.U.—On Thursday, April 1, an important meeting was held under the auspices of the British Women's Temperance Society. The president, Mrs. Beardmore, who occupied the chair, is a keen sympathiser with our movement. Mrs. Lawton, of Hanley, and myself had been billed as speakers. In the course of the meeting Mrs. Massey, an influential lady, referred to her long years of work done for the Liberals and for temperance reform, but, she asked, "Where are we to-day with all our hard work? It is, as the speakers have just said, only by the power of the vote that our work can be of any lasting good, and now I am going to withdraw from any other public work and fix my attention on getting the vote." I have to acknowledge with thanks a contribution from Miss Sylvester, at Leek, towards the Exhibition. All inquiries for information and literature should be addressed to me at No. 19, Grosvenor Avenue, Oak Hill, Stoke-on-Trent. ADELINE REDFERN-WILDE, Hon. Sec.

Streatham W.S.P.U.—On Friday last there was a large attendance of members and friends at the reception at the Streatham Public Hall in honour of Mrs. and Miss Tyson, who were released from Holloway on March 24. The guests were received by the hon. secretary, and Miss Leonora Tyson presided over the meeting. Songs were sung by Miss Gilderoy Scott and Miss Inglis, and Miss Dorothy Tagg recited. After an address by Miss Joachim, and interesting accounts of their prison experiences from Mrs. and Miss Tyson, a pleasant surprise awaited them and Mrs. Petre—sister to Mrs. Tyson—who had also suffered a month's imprisonment. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Horn, on behalf of the New Union for Women's Suffrage, presented Mrs. Tyson and Mrs. Petre with a silver badge bearing the same letters and numbers worn by them in Holloway. They and Miss Tyson were also presented with a flat gold bar, to be used for pinning on our colours, and on which was inscribed "February 24—March 24, 1909." JULIE E. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Wimbledon W.S.P.U.—On Monday evening, April 5, the third informal gathering of members and friends took place at Fabs, Marryat Road, Wimbledon Common. A quantity of useful articles completed for the Exhibition were on view, as we wished to stimulate to fresh effort those who were not already fully occupied in preparing for the Wimbledon stall. The responsibility of furnishing the stall rests mainly with Dr. and Mrs. Frank Bather. Valued contributions in the form of money, material, or workmanship have been made by many Wimbledon friends. During February and March members and friends have had the opportunity of meeting on Mondays at Fabs, 8-6, to work for the Exhibition, and on Wednesdays at 6, Broadway, for a brief address and discussion. After Easter these meetings will be resumed; the Wednesday gathering probably taking place out of doors, as well as Sunday afternoon meetings on Wimbledon Common. The existing Votts corps for Friday duty is this week receiving another volunteer in Miss Votts, who has undertaken the care of the literature. At Croydon the Wimbledon Union was represented, and on Tuesday some of our women supported the deputation to Mr. Asquith. M. GRANT.

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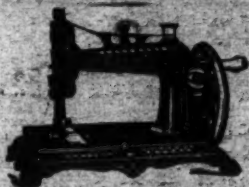
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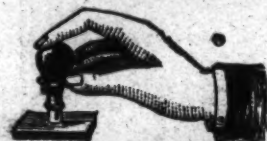
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